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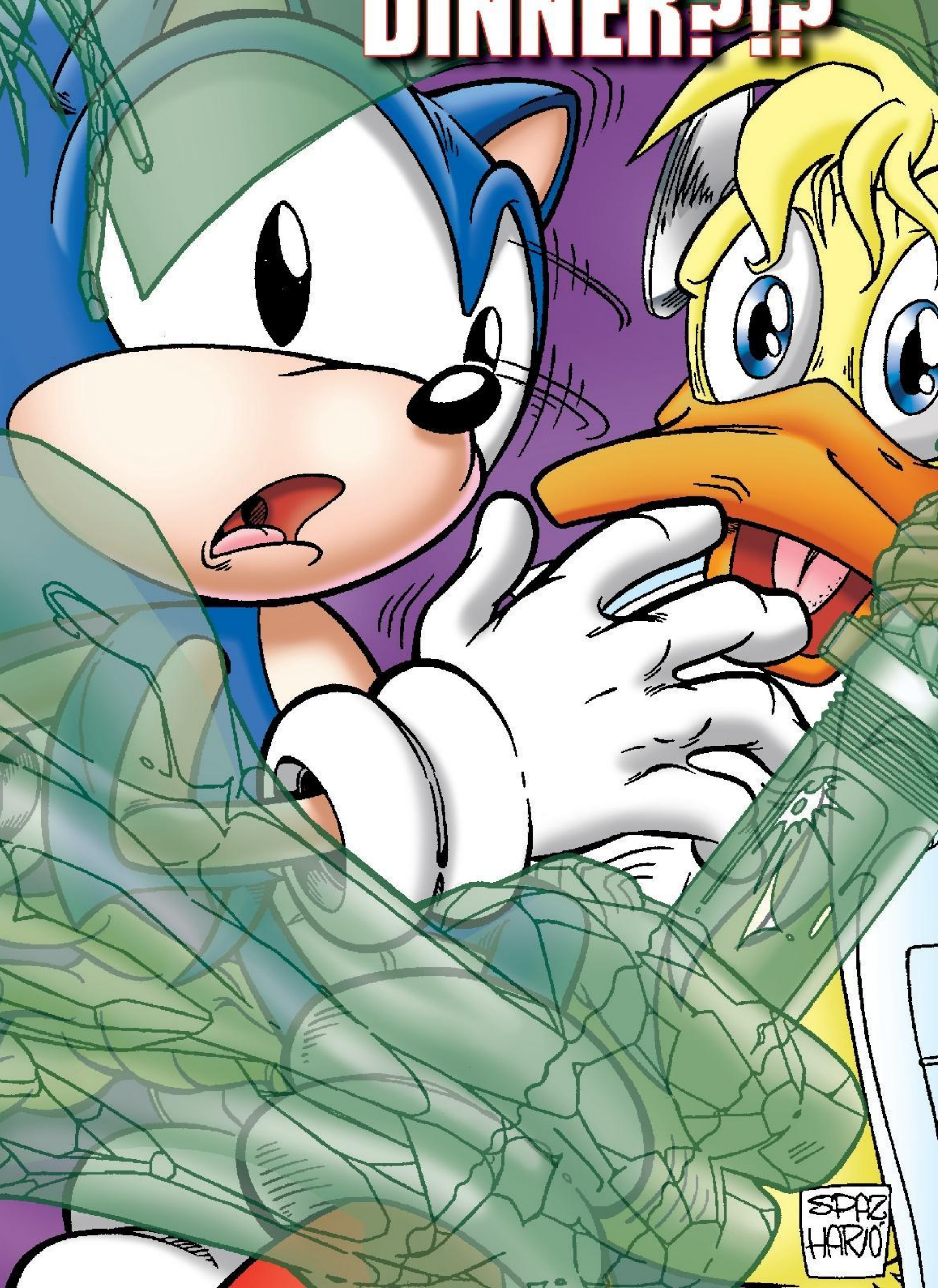
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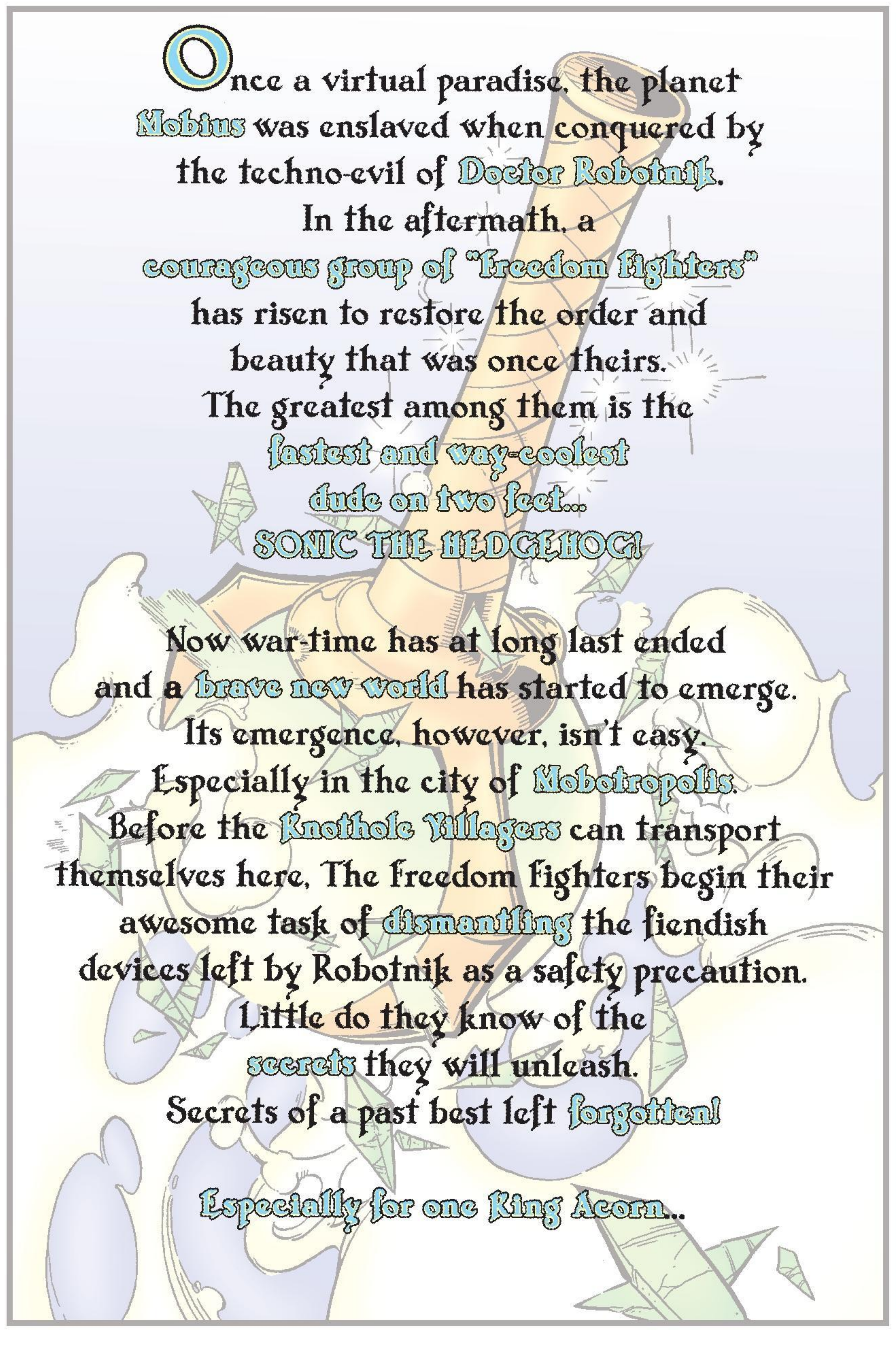


SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO
DINNER?!?





Once a virtual paradise, the planet Mobius was enslaved when conquered by the techno-evil of Doctor Robotnik.

In the aftermath, a courageous group of "Freedom Fighters" has risen to restore the order and beauty that was once theirs.

The greatest among them is the fastest and way-coolest dude on two feet...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

Now war-time has at long last ended and a brave new world has started to emerge.

Its emergence, however, isn't easy.

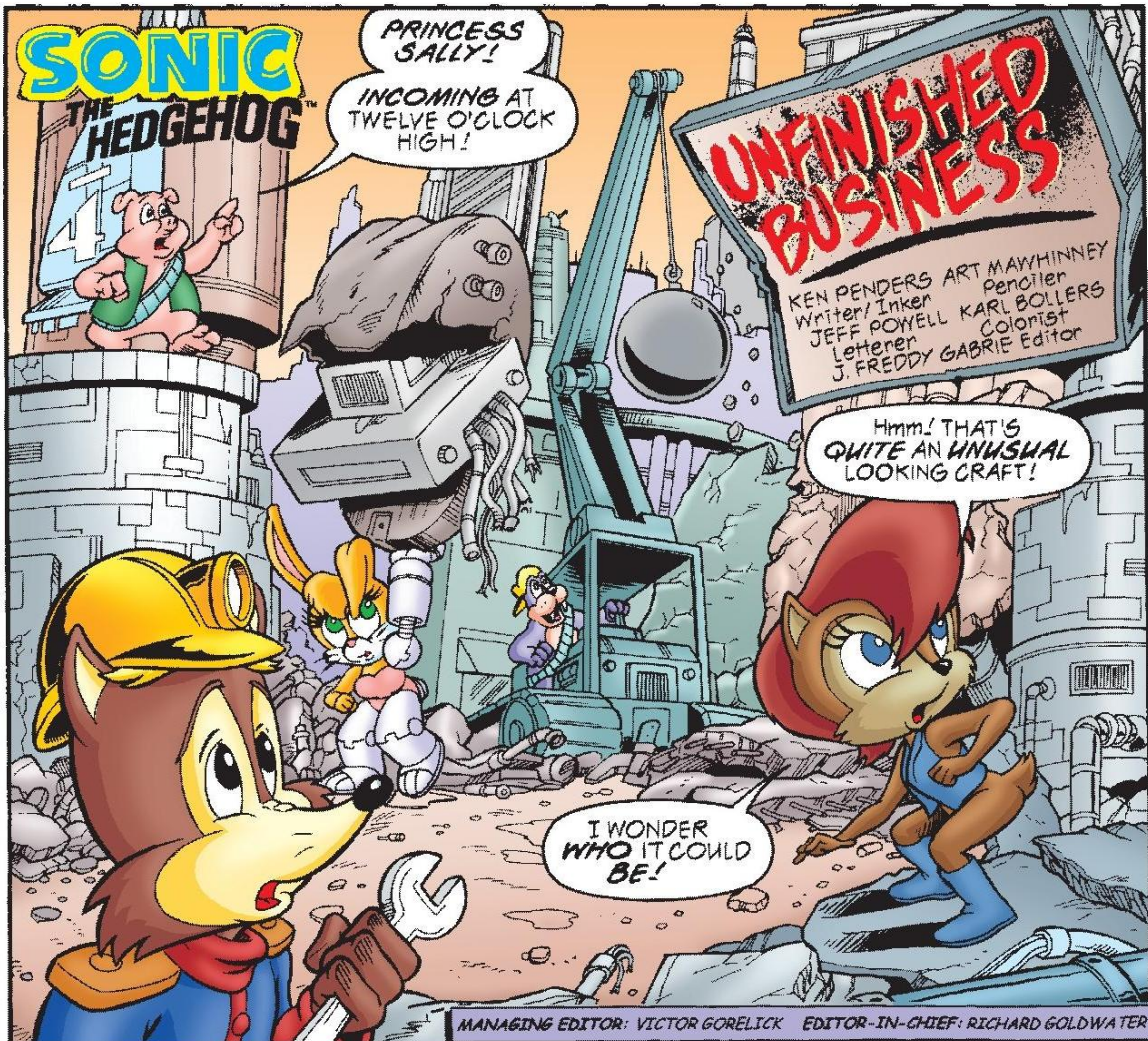
Especially in the city of Mobotropolis.

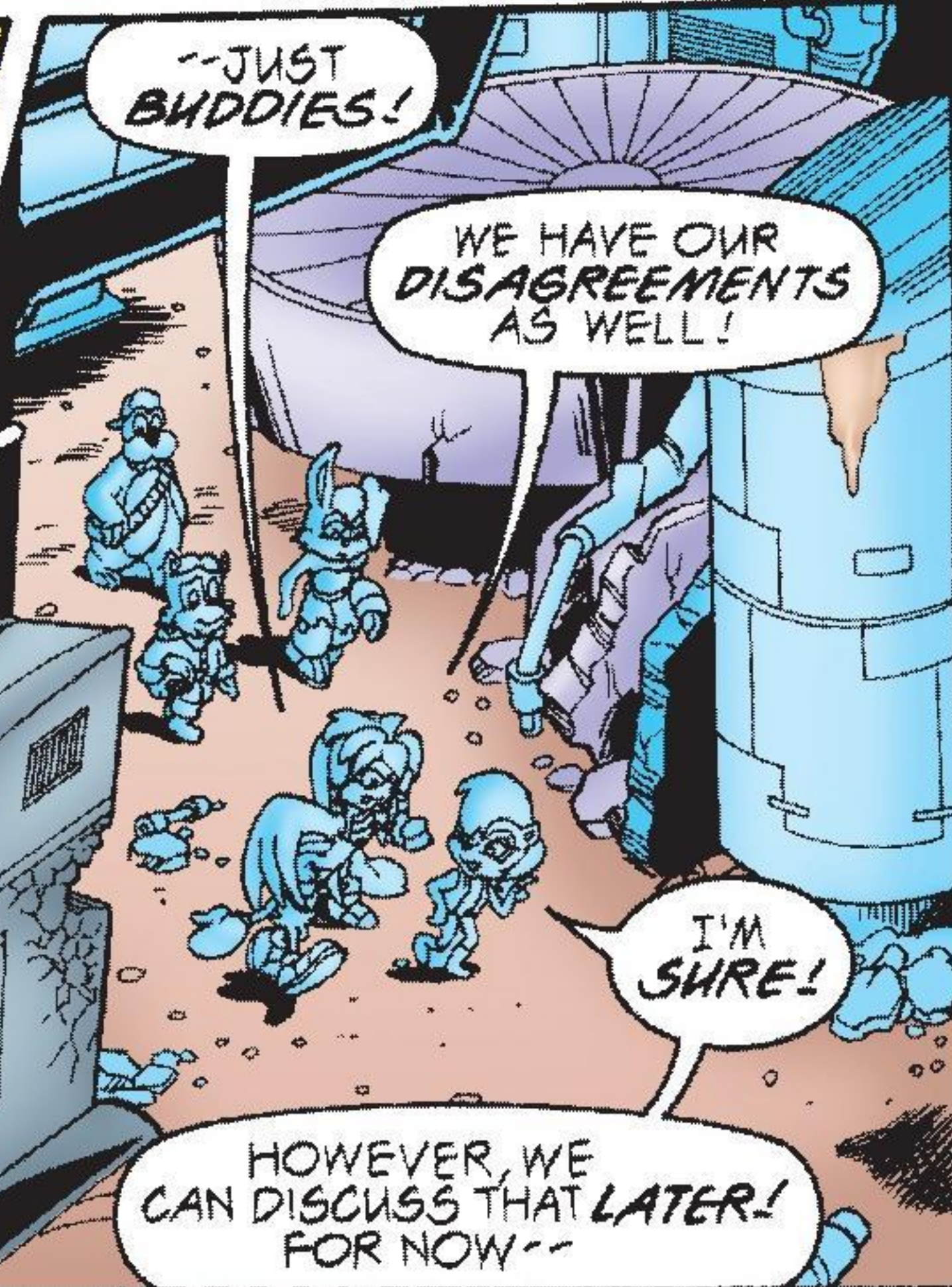
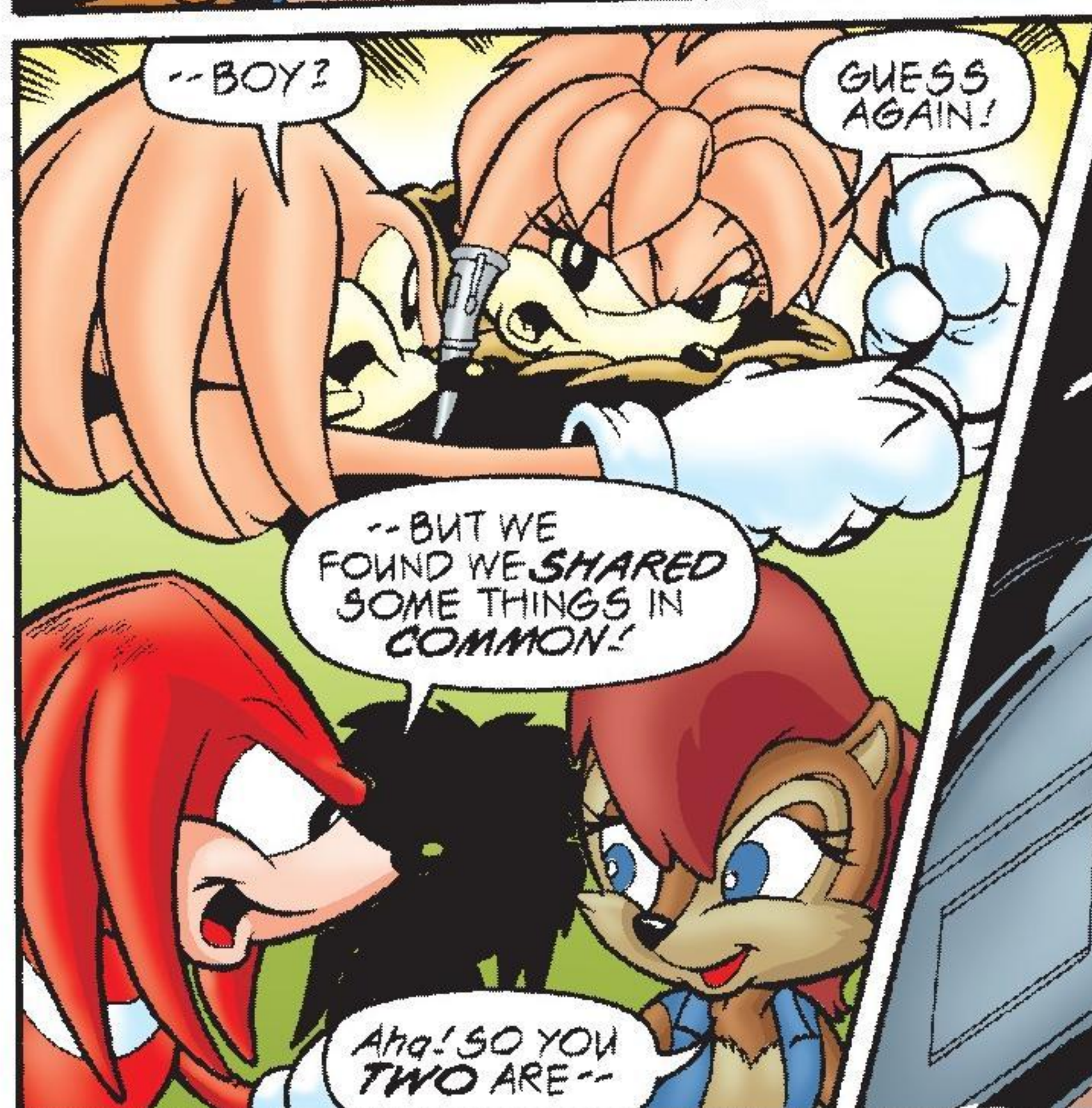
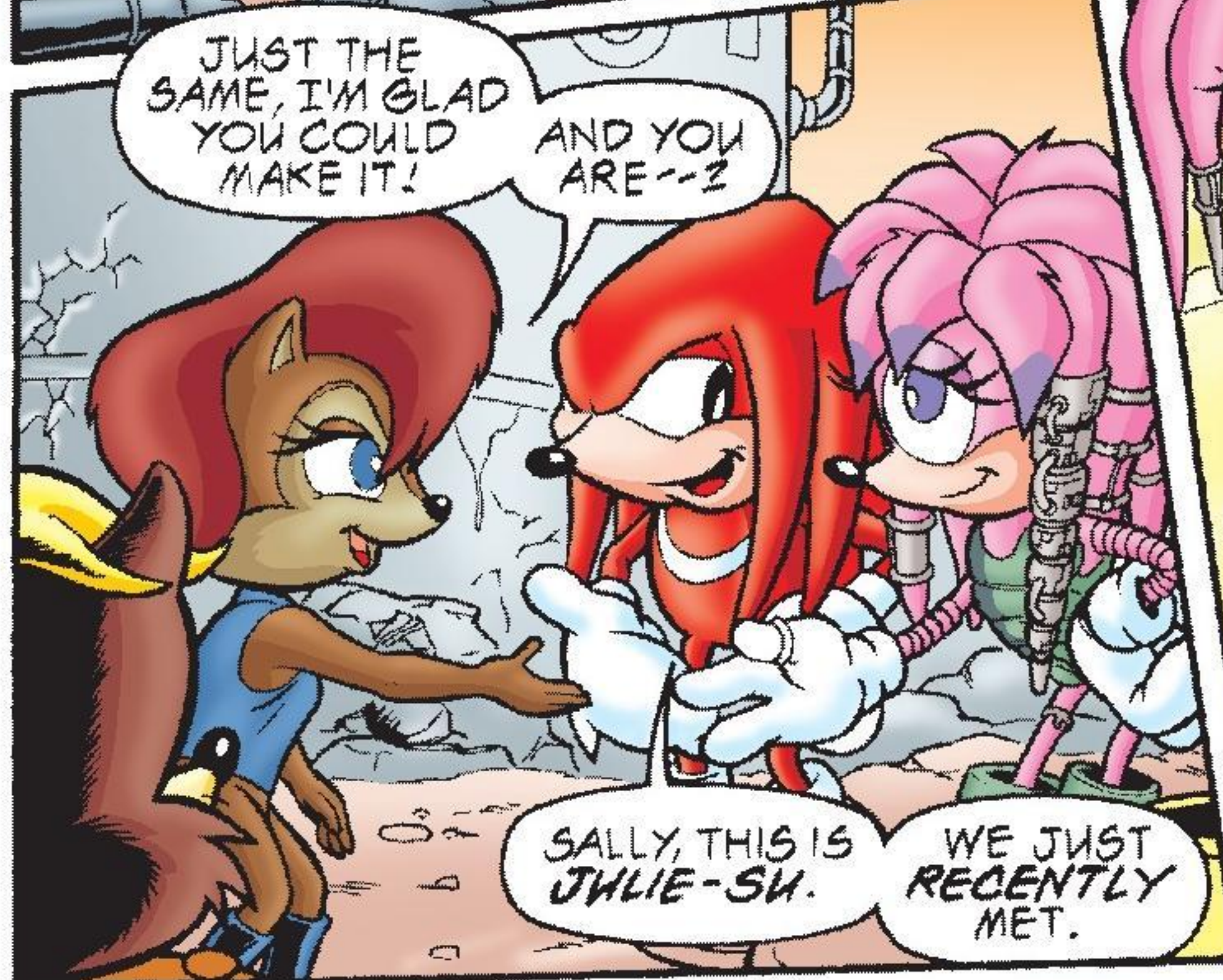
Before the Knothole Villagers can transport themselves here, The Freedom Fighters begin their awesome task of dismantling the fiendish devices left by Robotnik as a safety precaution.

Little do they know of the secrets they will unleash.

Secrets of a past best left forgotten!

Especially for one King Acorn...

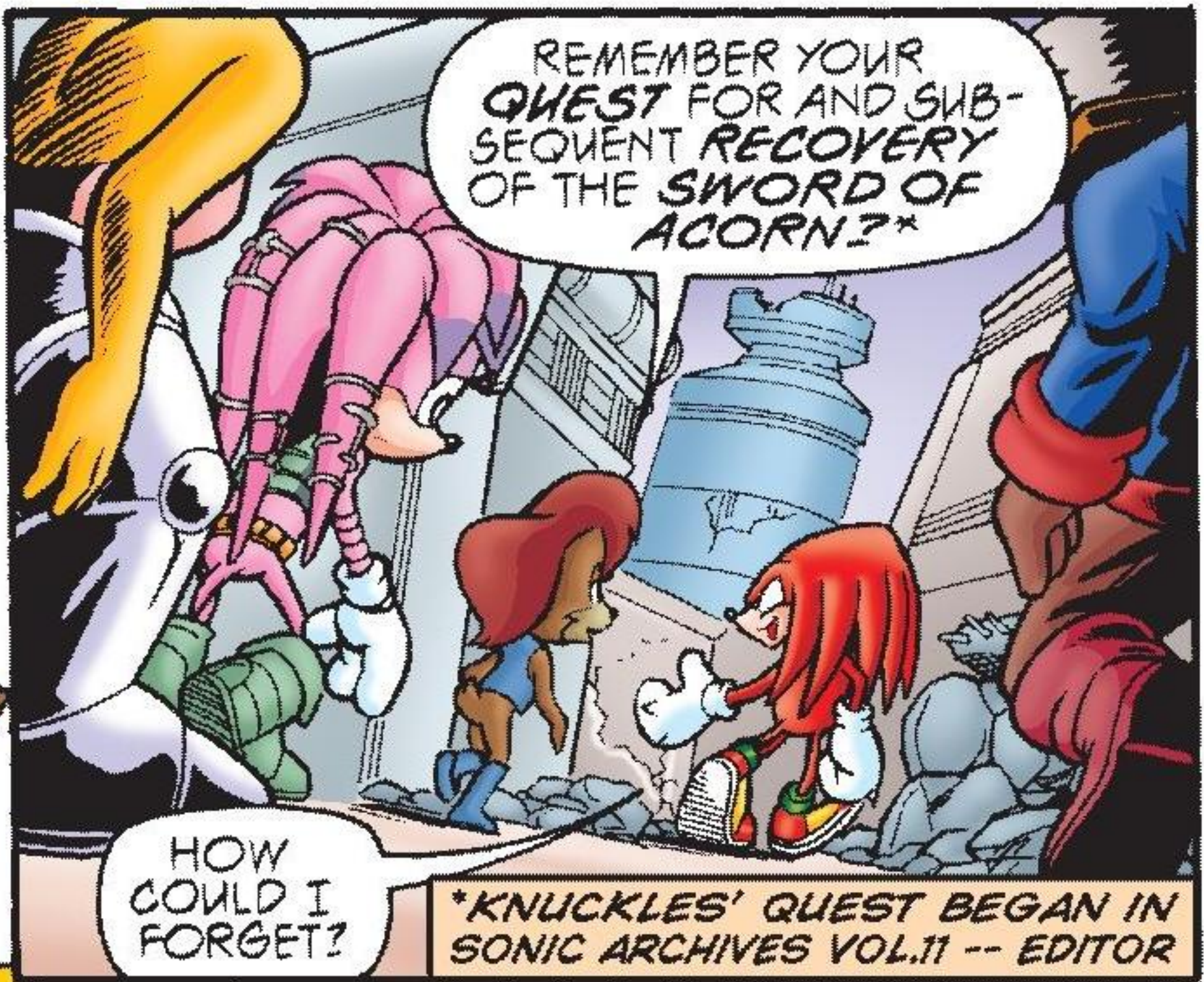






THERE ARE MORE URGENT MATTERS TO DISCUSS, DEAR SIR!

SUCH AS?



REMEMBER YOUR QUEST FOR AND SUBSEQUENT RECOVERY OF THE SWORD OF ACORN?*

HOW COULD I FORGET?

*KNUCKLES' QUEST BEGAN IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.11 -- EDITOR

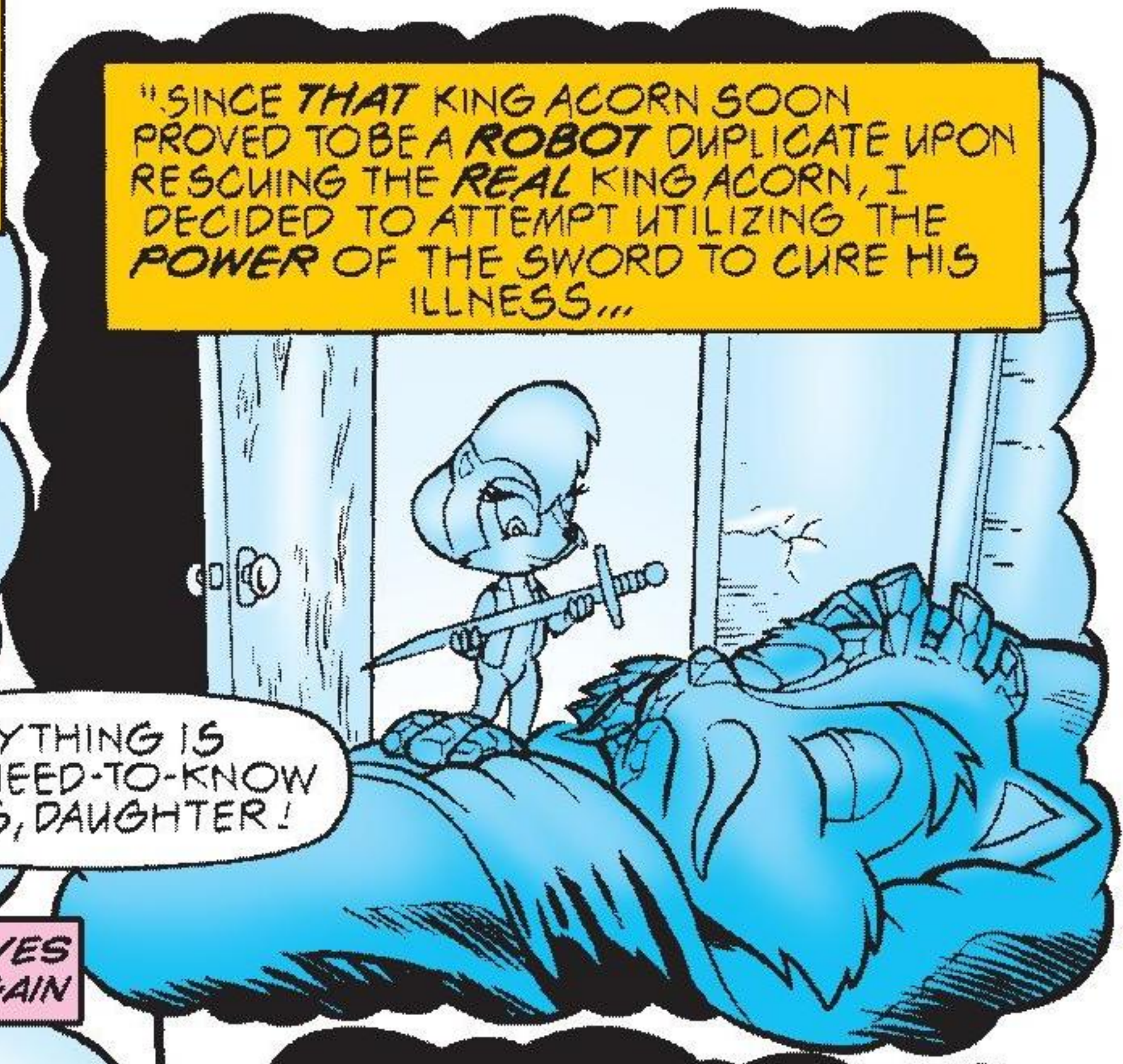


"ONCE THE SWORD WAS IN OUR POSSESSION, WE THOUGHT THE WHOLE EFFORT WASTED UPON SEEING MY FATHER HEALTHY AND VIBRANT!*

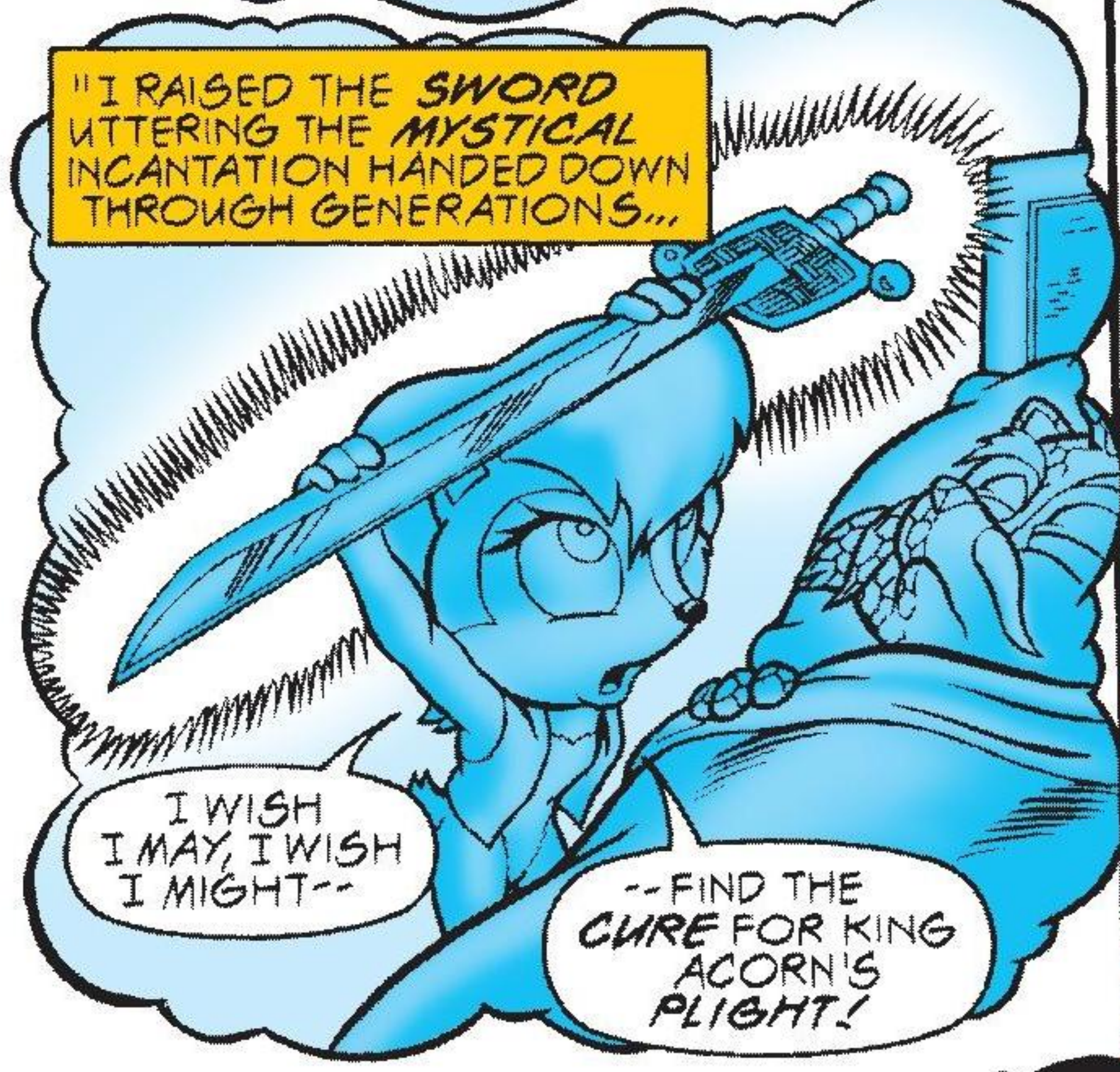
NOBODY HAD INFORMED ME OF YOUR RECOVERY FATHER!

EVERYTHING IS ON A NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS, DAUGHTER!

*SEE SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.12 -- EDITOR... AGAIN



"SINCE THAT KING ACORN SOON PROVED TO BE A ROBOT DUPLICATE UPON RESCUING THE REAL KING ACORN, I DECIDED TO ATTEMPT UTILIZING THE POWER OF THE SWORD TO CURE HIS ILLNESS..."



"I RAISED THE SWORD UTTERING THE MYSTICAL INCANTATION HANDED DOWN THROUGH GENERATIONS..."

I WISH I MAY, I WISH I MIGHT--

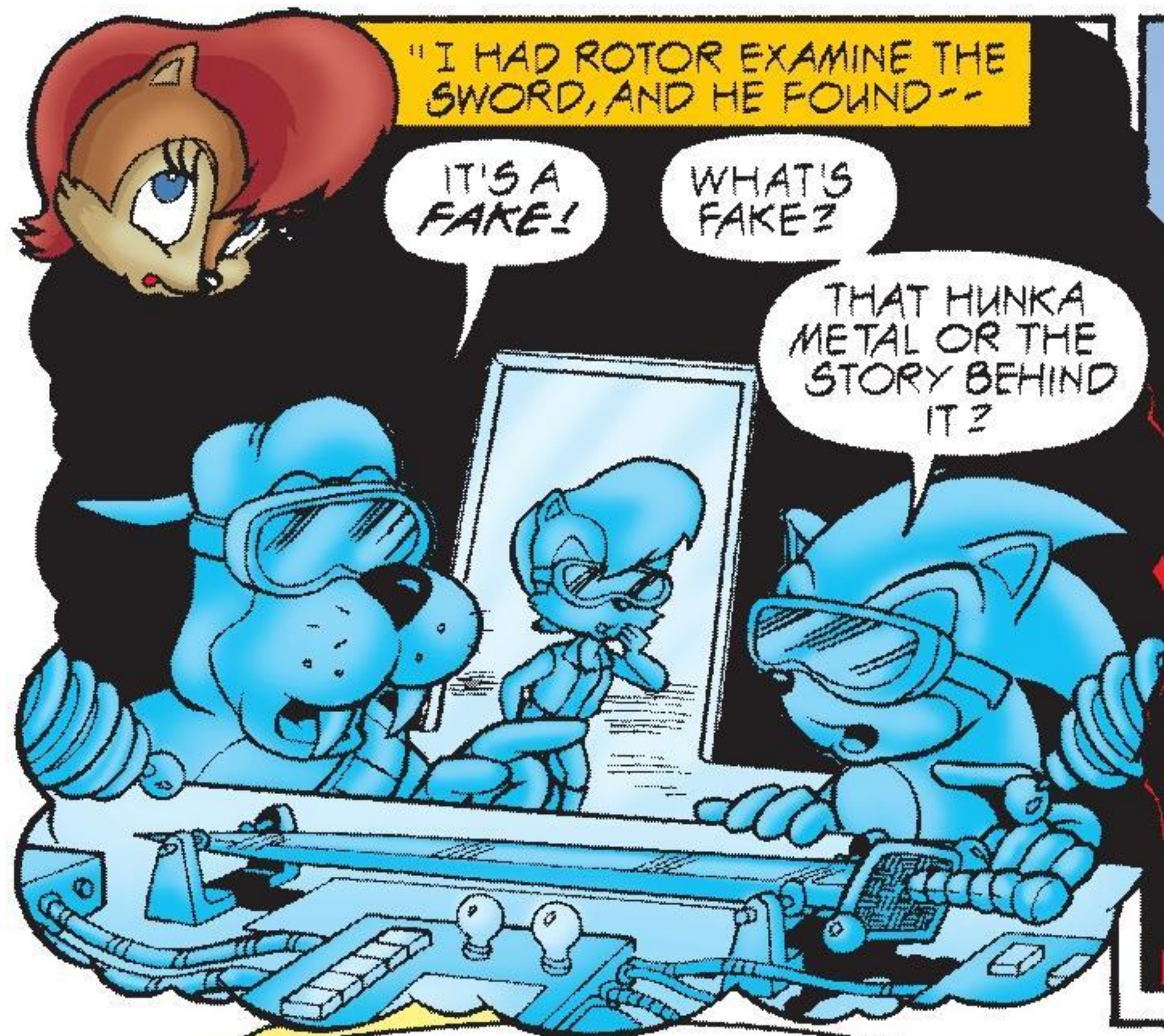
--FIND THE CURE FOR KING ACORN'S PLIGHT!



STUPID SWORD!

--BUT IT WAS HOPELESS!

SO WHAT DID YOU DO?



IT'S A
FAKE!

WHAT'S
FAKE?

THAT HUNKA
METAL OR THE
STORY BEHIND
IT?

I WAS
PLANNING TO GO
OFF ON MY OWN
QUEST--

--BUT MY DUTIES
SUPERVISING THE RECON-
STRUCTION OF MOBOTROPOLIS
REQUIRED I STAY HERE!

NOW I'M HOPING YOU'RE UP FOR
TRYING ONCE AGAIN TO FIND THE
TRUE SWORD OF ACORN!



I'M SORRY, PRINCESS, BUT
I'VE BEEN BUSY MYSELF SINCE I
RECENTLY DISCOVERED MY BIRTH-
PLACE STILL EXISTED, BUT IN
ANOTHER ZONE--*

WILD!

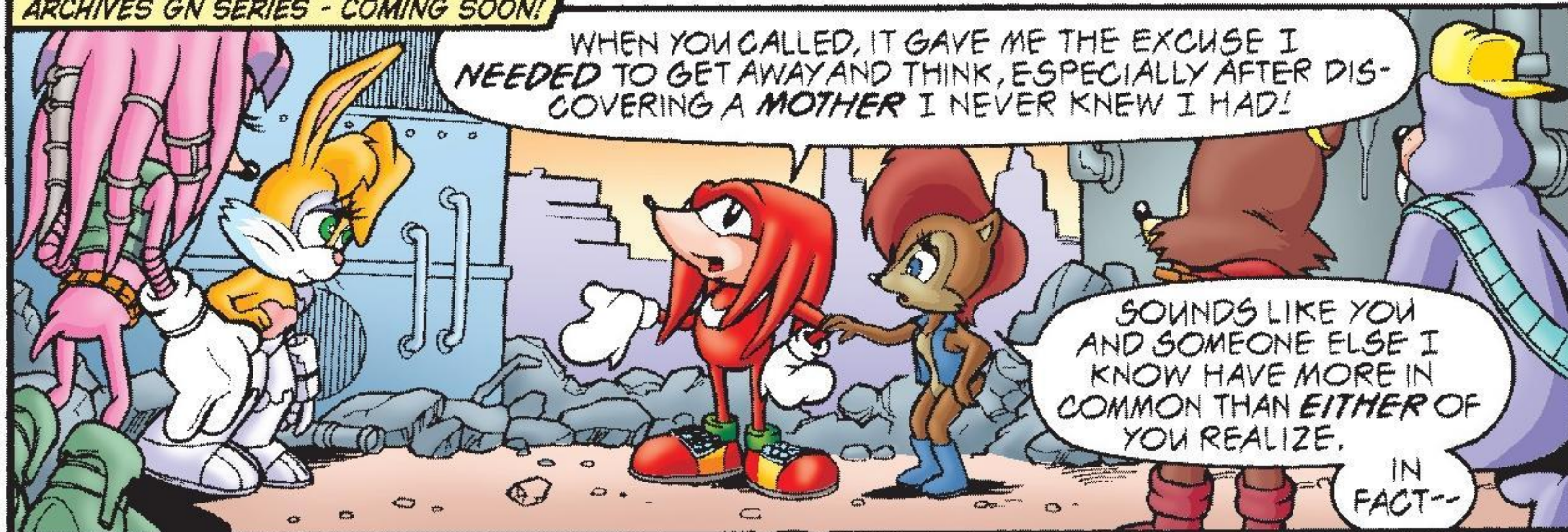
IT CAN
ONLY BE--

--ECHIDNAOPOLIS!

"WHEN ROBOTNIK'S
ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR
WENT OFF, IT MUST
HAVE AFFECTED THE
BARRIERS BETWEEN
ZONES ENABLING
GRANDFATHER
HAWKINS TO RE-
STORE THE CITY TO
ITS ORIGINAL
SITE!"*

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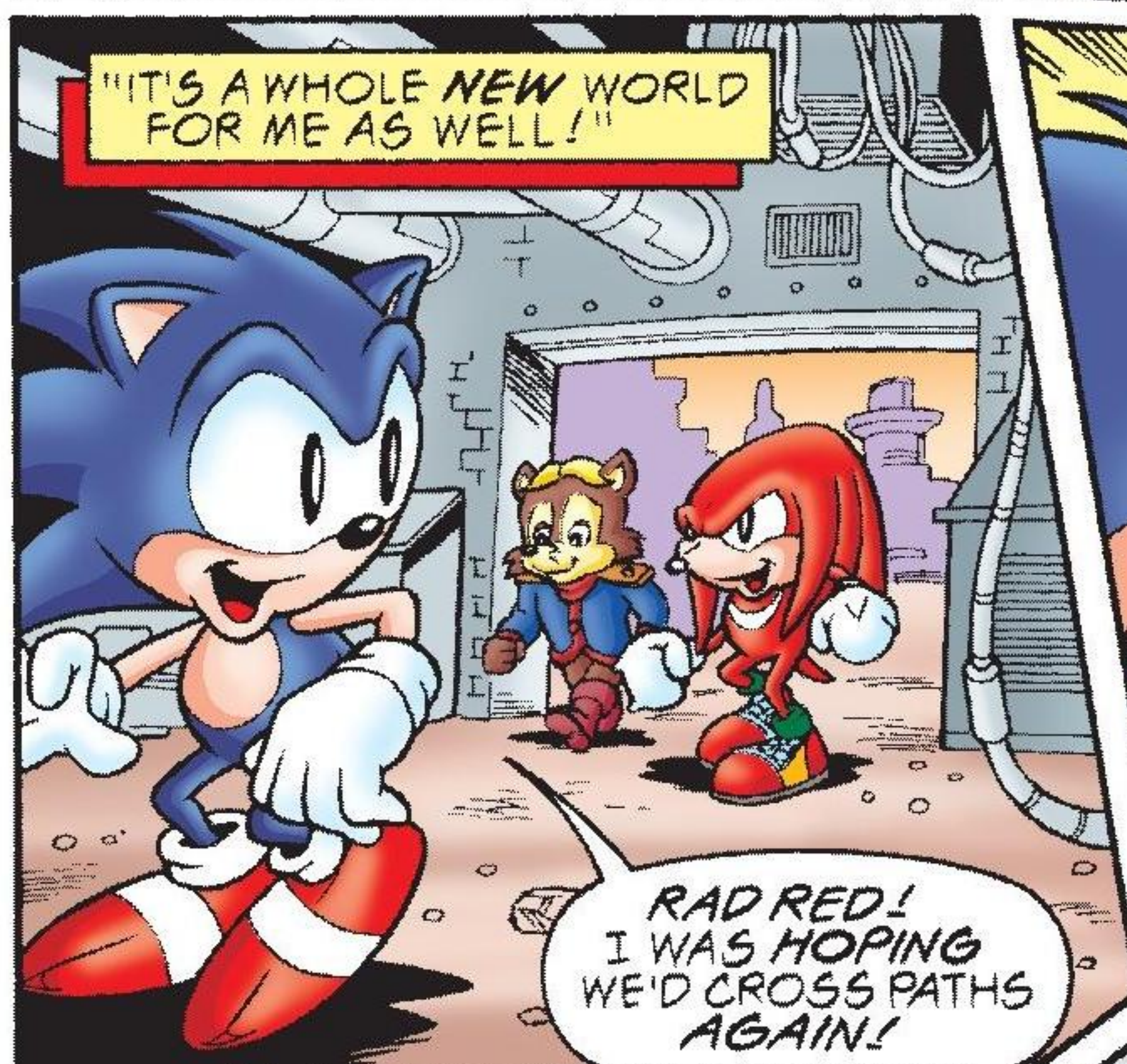
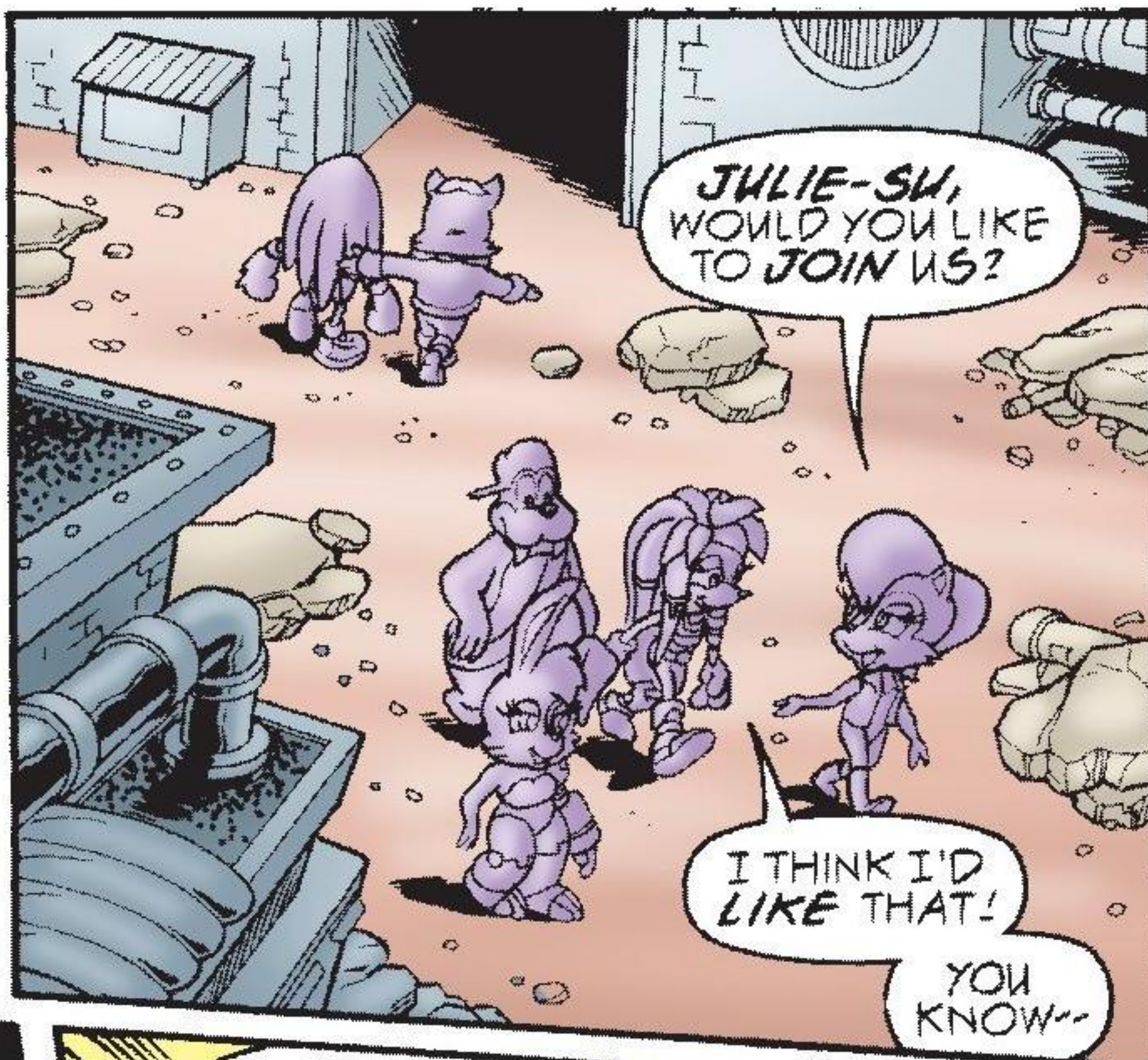
* ALSO FEATURED IN THE NEW KNUCKLES ARCHIVES
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WHEN YOU CALLED, IT GAVE ME THE EXCUSE I
NEEDED TO GET AWAY AND THINK, ESPECIALLY AFTER DIS-
COVERING A MOTHER I NEVER KNEW I HAD!

SOUNDS LIKE YOU
AND SOMEONE ELSE I
KNOW HAVE MORE IN
COMMON THAN EITHER OF
YOU REALIZE.

IN
FACT--





OH, THERE YOU ARE, MAURICE!

MAURICE?! WHO--?

IS HE TALKING TO YOU?

HAHAHAHAHAHOHOHOHEEEHEEEHEEHAHAHA

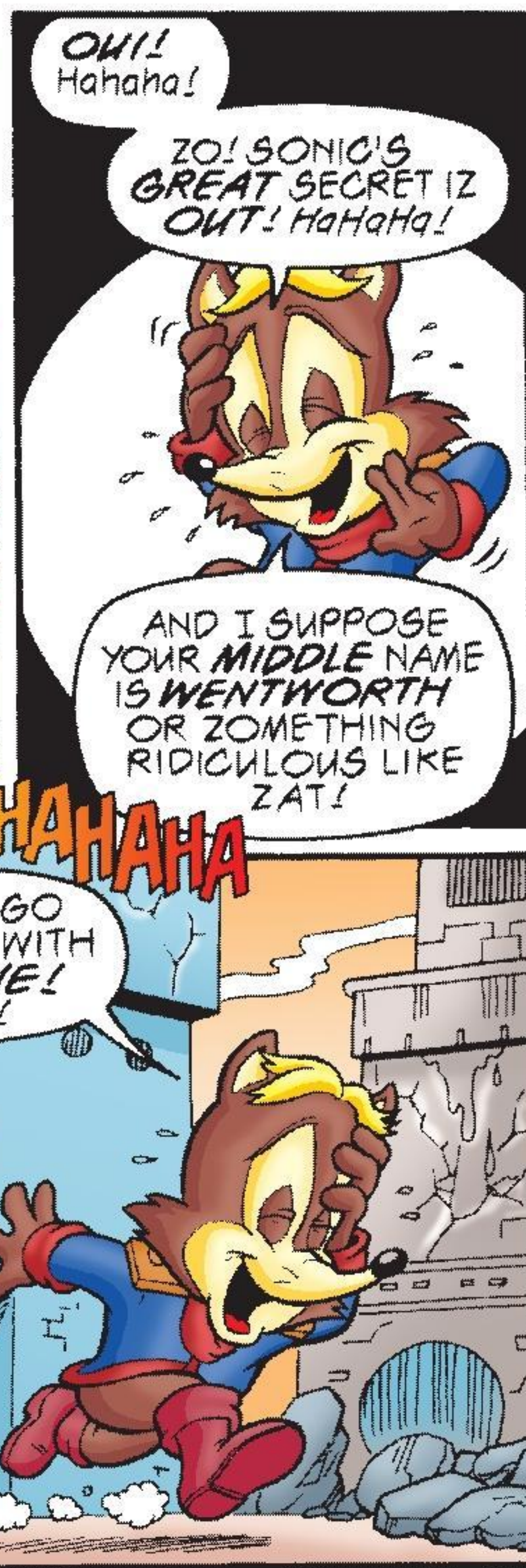
ACTUALLY, THAT IS HIS MIDDLE NAME, HIS FIRST NAME IS--

DAD! THE NAME IS **SONIC-- PERIOD!**

ZIS IZ TOO MUCH! Haha!

I CAN'T STAND IT! HAHAA!

*IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE US, CHECK SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.0! -- EDITOR



OW!! Hahaha!

ZO! SONIC'S GREAT SECRET IZ OUT! HahaHa!

AND I SUPPOSE YOUR MIDDLE NAME IS WENTWORTH OR ZOMETHING RIDICULOUS LIKE ZAT!

I HAVE TO GO SHARE ZIS WITH EVERYONE! HqHaHa!

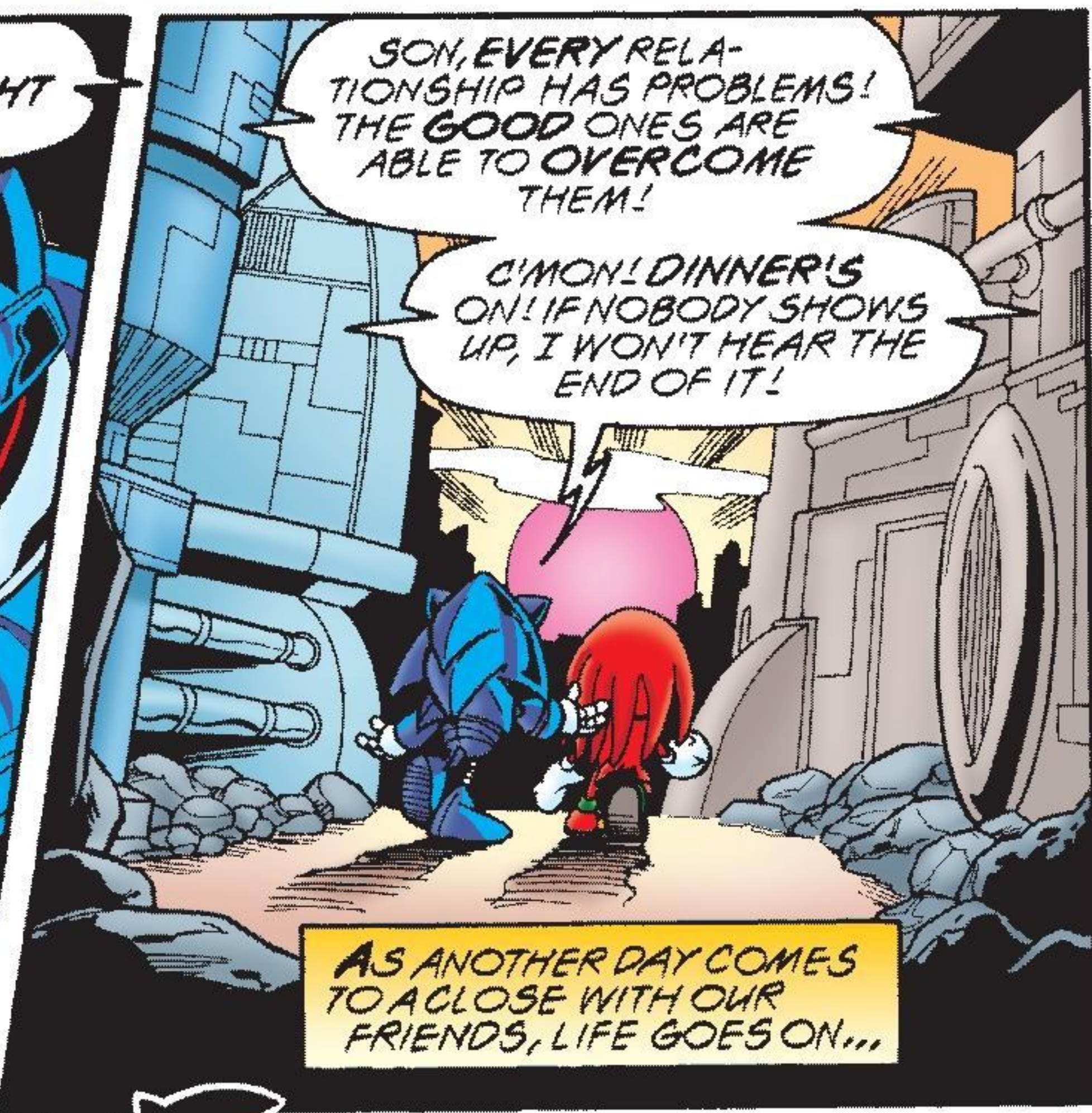
Oh, NO YOU DON'T, 'TWAN!



I TAKE IT YOU'RE SONIC'S FATHER.

IF ONLY HE THOUGHT SO.

I KNOW HOW THAT GOES. I HAVE MY OWN PARENT PROBLEMS.



SON, EVERY RELATIONSHIP HAS PROBLEMS! THE GOOD ONES ARE ABLE TO OVERCOME THEM!

C'MON! DINNER'S ON! IF NOBODY SHOWS UP, I WON'T HEAR THE END OF IT!

AS ANOTHER DAY COMES TO A CLOSE WITH OUR FRIENDS, LIFE GOES ON...

THE DAWN OF
A NEW DAY!

AND IN THE WAKE OF THE
NEFARIOUS IVO ROBOTNIK'S
DEFEAT BY THE KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE FREEDOM FIGHTERS,

--LIFE HAS UNDERGONE
SOME DRAMATIC CHANGES
FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED
GROUP!

AND FOR TWO OF THEM
IN PARTICULAR, IT SEEMS
THAT THE CHANGES HAVE
ONLY BEGUN...

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THE
HEDGEHOG™

IN

SOUNDS

OF SILENCE

Part 1

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WOW, SONIC! WOULD
YOU LOOK AT THAT BUILDING
OVER THERE? IT'S DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK'S LABORATORY!

WHO KNOWS HOW
MANY DIABOLICAL
SCHEMES WERE
COOKED UP IN THAT
MOST COMPLEX OF
COMPLEXES...

...AND HOW MANY
MORE FIENDISH
DEVICES LIE WITHIN
ITS WALLS?

AND JUST
THINK, SALLY! IT'S
ALL YOURS FOR
THE AMAZINGLY
LOW PRICE OF
NOTHING! YOU
MAY NOT BE KING,
BUT IT'S SURE
GOTTA BE A
BLAST BEING
PRINCESS!

THIS IS NO JOKE, SONIC! I'M SERIOUS OVER HERE!

I MEAN, HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF SUDDENLY YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR A DEVICE WITH THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE **ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR**?



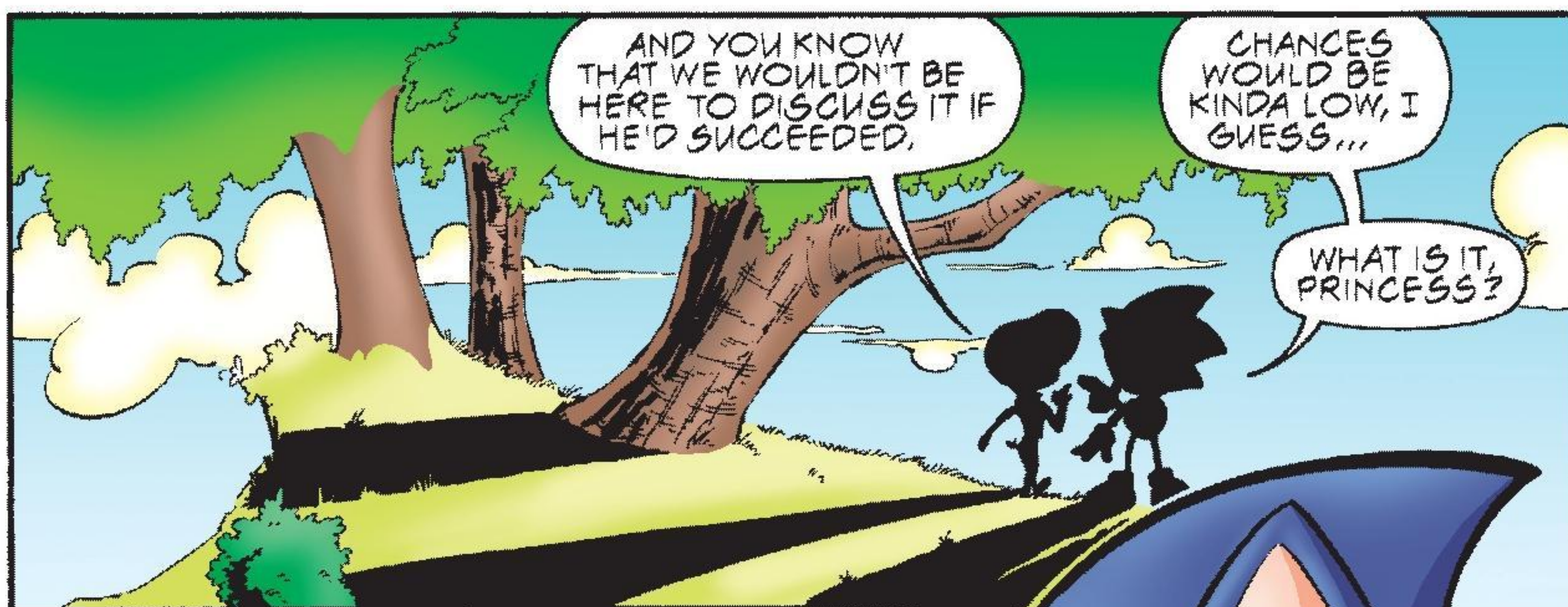
Whoah! ROBOTNIK NEARLY WIPED OUT ALL OF CREATION WITH THAT IMPORTED WEAPON OF HIS!



AND YOU KNOW THAT WE WOULDN'T BE HERE TO DISCUSS IT IF HE'D SUCCEEDED.

CHANCES WOULD BE KINDA LOW, I GUESS...

WHAT IS IT, PRINCESS?



NOTHING, SONIC. WITH EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR THE KINGDOM, I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU WITH MY DUMB PROBLEMS...

NO MATTER HOW MIXED UP, JUMBLED, AND DOWN-RIGHT CONFUSING YOUR PROBLEMS ARE, SALLY, THEY ARE NOT--REPEAT **NOT** DUMB!





AND MY FATHER!
THE KING! WILL WE EVER
BE ABLE TO REVERSE
THE PROCESS THAT
HAS TURNED HIM INTO
CRYSTAL?

WE MAY BE
CLOSER THAN WE
WERE A FEW DAYS
AGO.

GEOFFREY!

PRINCESS...
SONIC...

ST. JOHN.

EVEN NOW, ROTOR,
SIR CHARLES, AND DOCTOR
QUACK ARE INVESTIGATING
THE PORTAL TO THE SO-
CALLED *ZONE OF SILENCE*
WITHIN JULIAN'S LAB.

THE DREAD *ZONE OF
SILENCE*... WHERE ROBOTNIK
BANISHED MY FATHER
YEARS AGO.

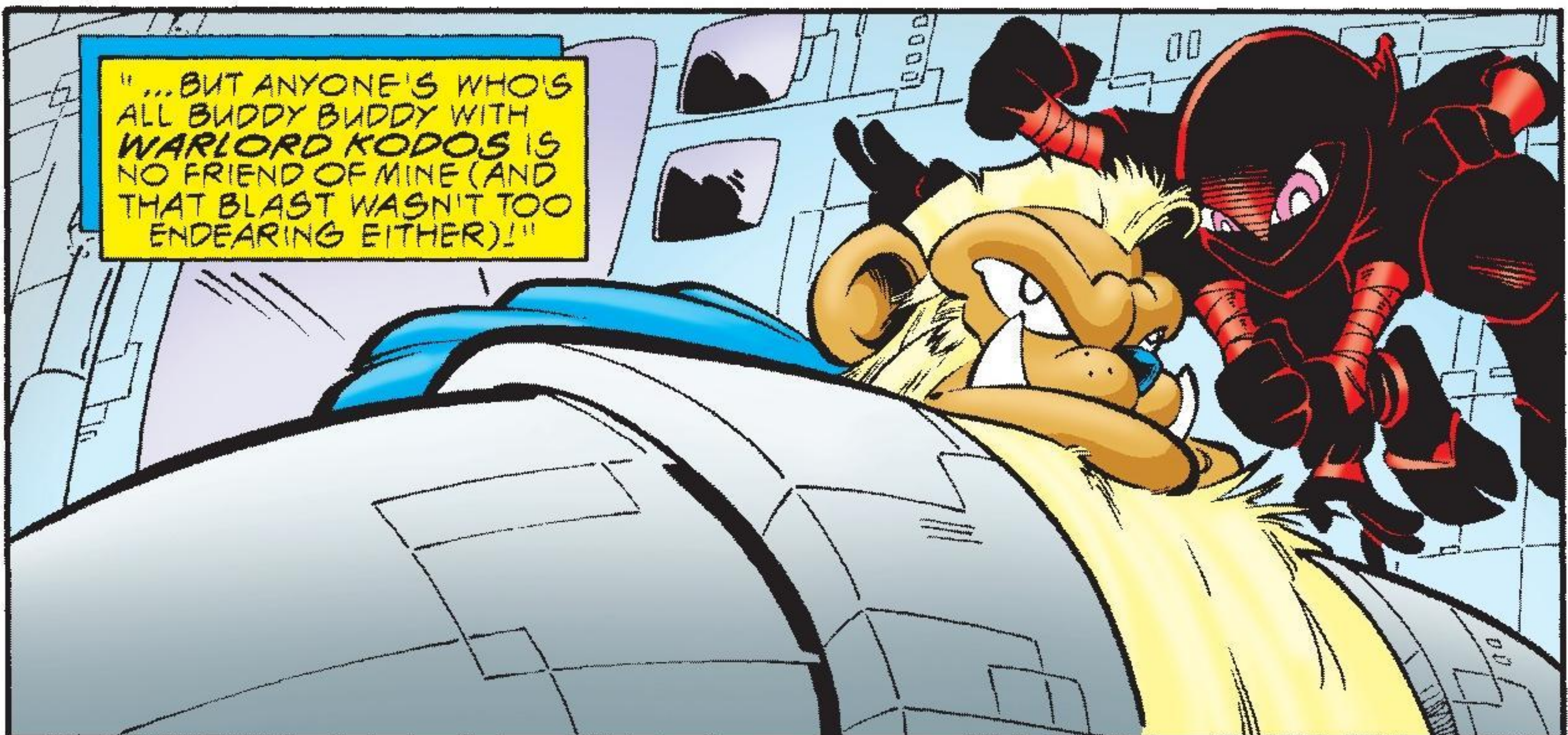
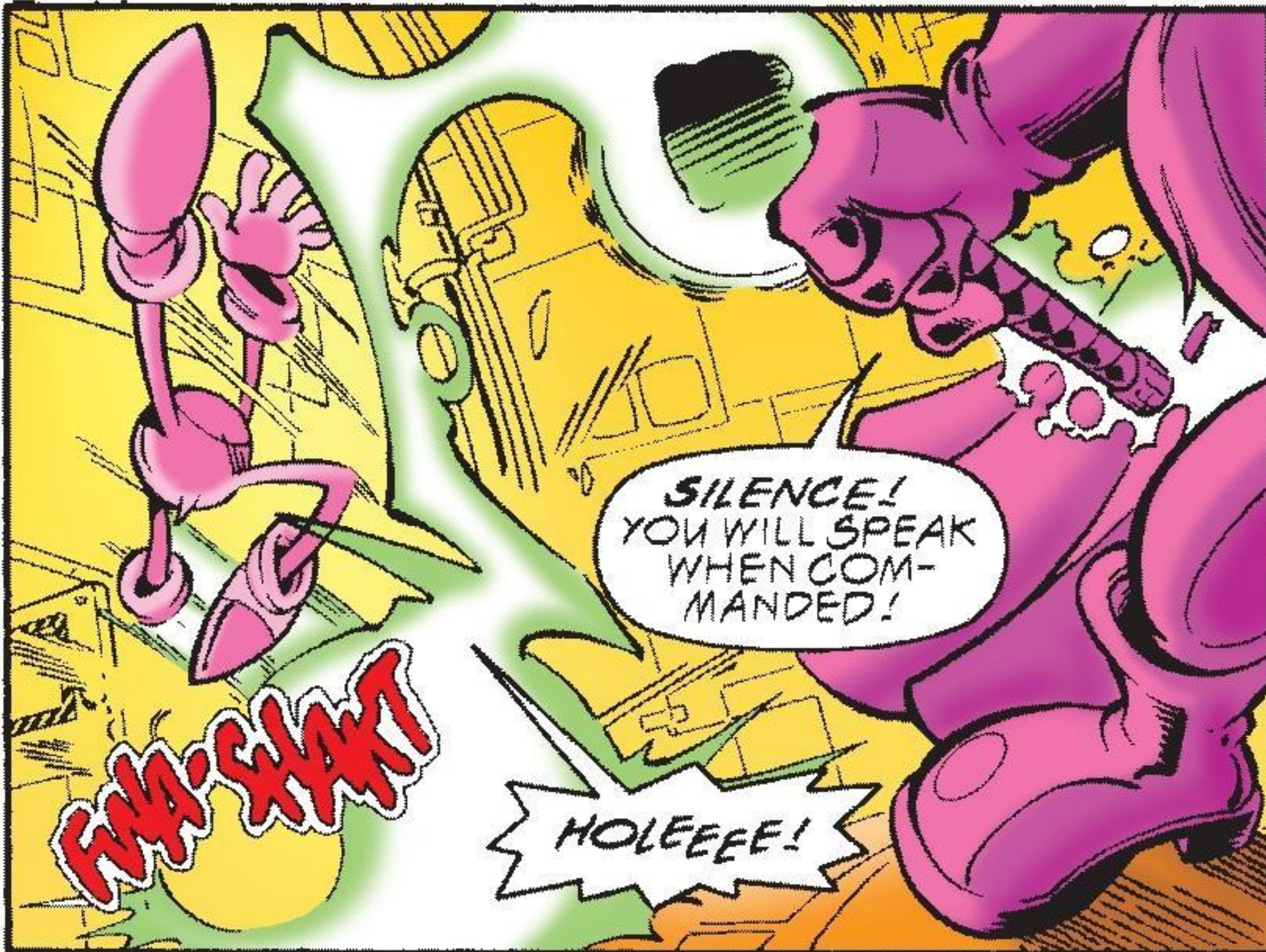
ONCE THEY
HAVE LAUNCHED
A PROBE INTO
IT--

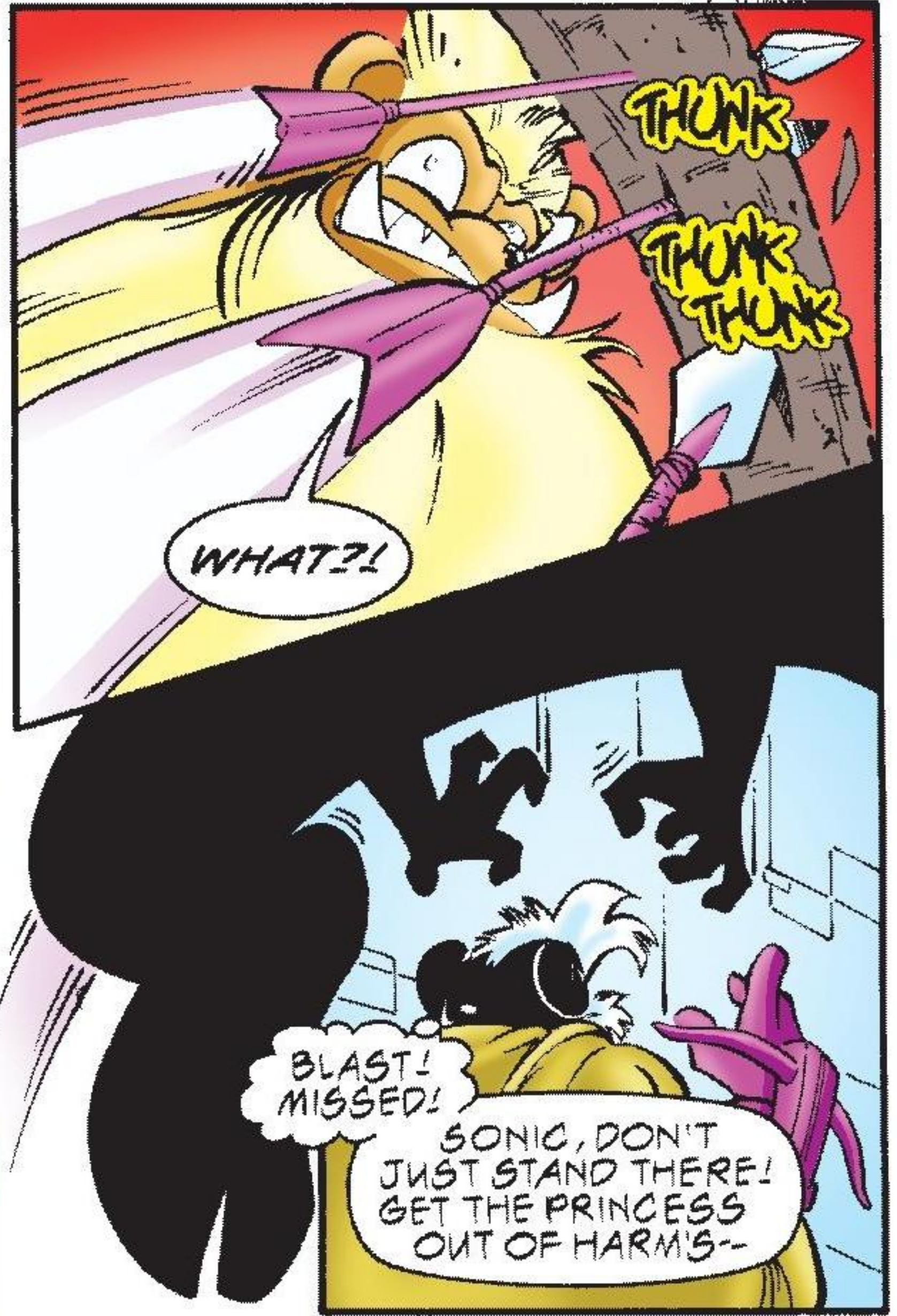
WAITAMINNIT!
PROBEZ IS THAT
SUCH A SAFE IDEA?
I MEAN--

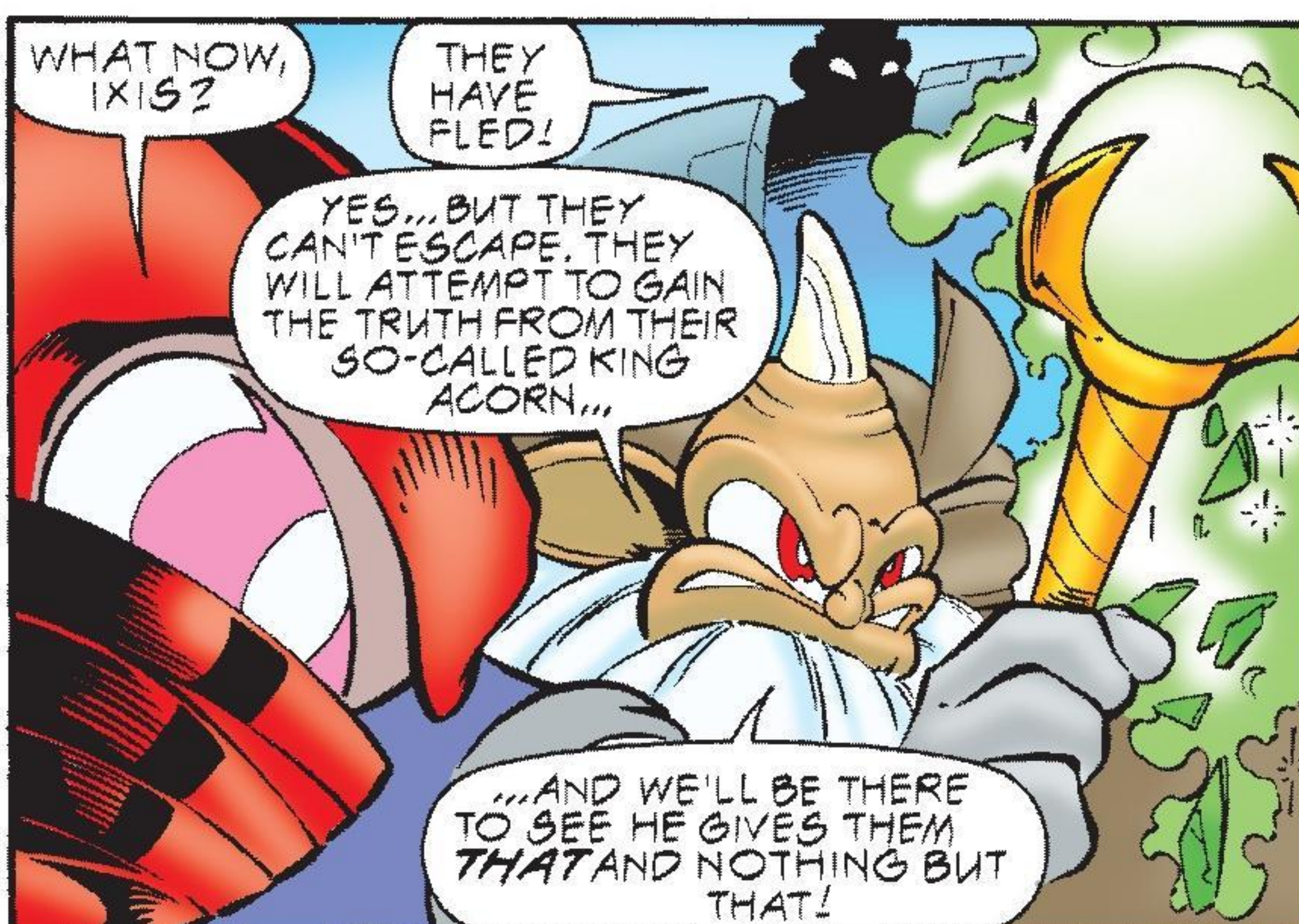
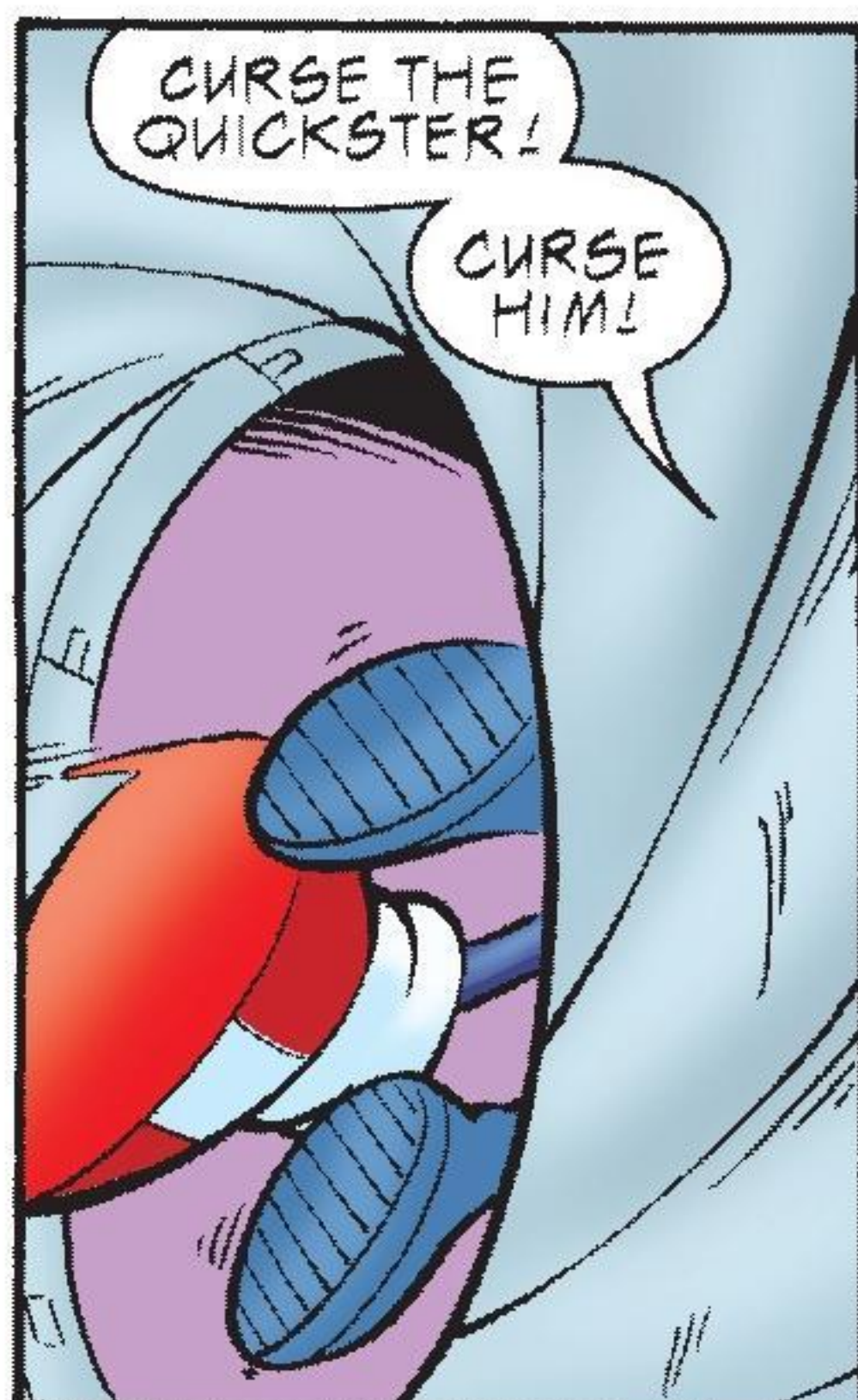
WHAT'S
THE MATTER
WITH IT--?

KUH-
BOOM









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IN SOUNDS OF SILENCE Part 3

CASTLE ACORN,
FORMERLY ROBOTNIK'S
HEADQUARTERS...

...NO IDEA
THAT LAUNCHING
THE PROBE WOULD
RELEASE THAT
DEADLY TRIO!

THEIR LEADER,
IXIS NAUGUS, HAS A
WAND THAT CAN
TURN OBJECTS INTO
CRYSTAL, FATHER
HOW IS THAT
POSSIBLE?

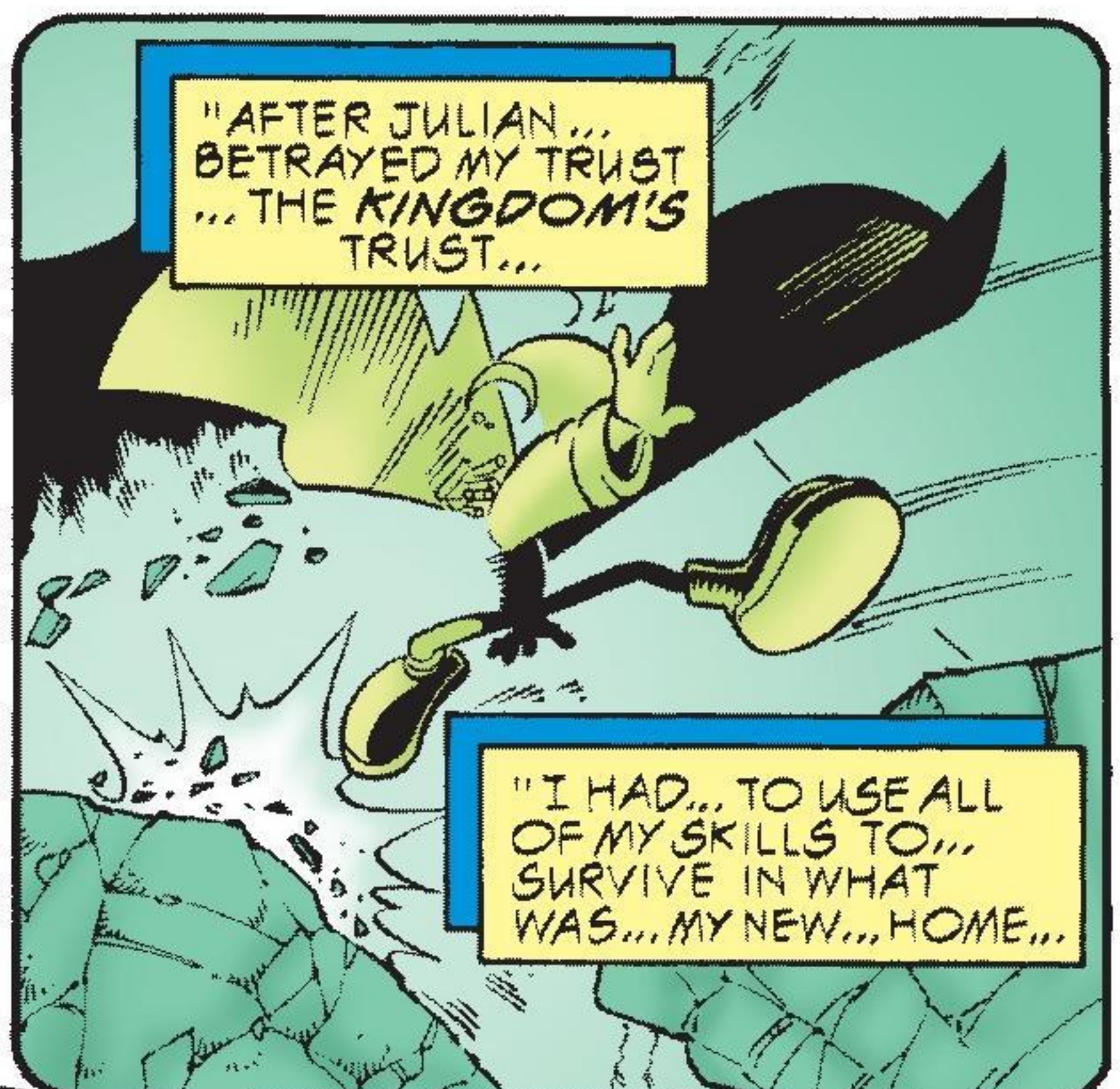
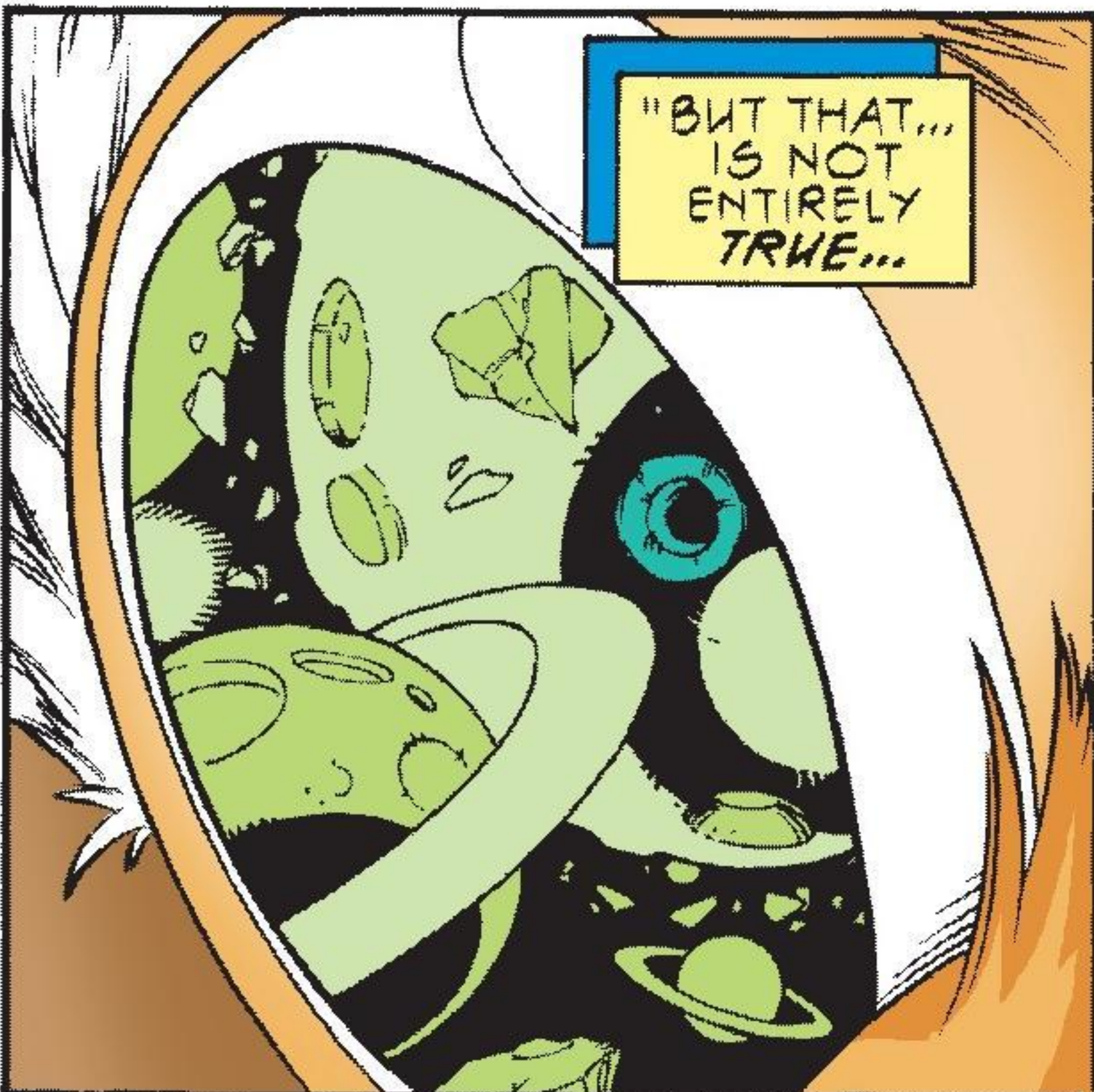
AND WHY DIDN'T
IXIS, KODOS, AND UMA
FALL PREY TO THE EFFECTS
OF THE ZONE AS YOU DID
WHEN EXPOSED TO MOBIUS'
ATMOSPHERE, SIRE?

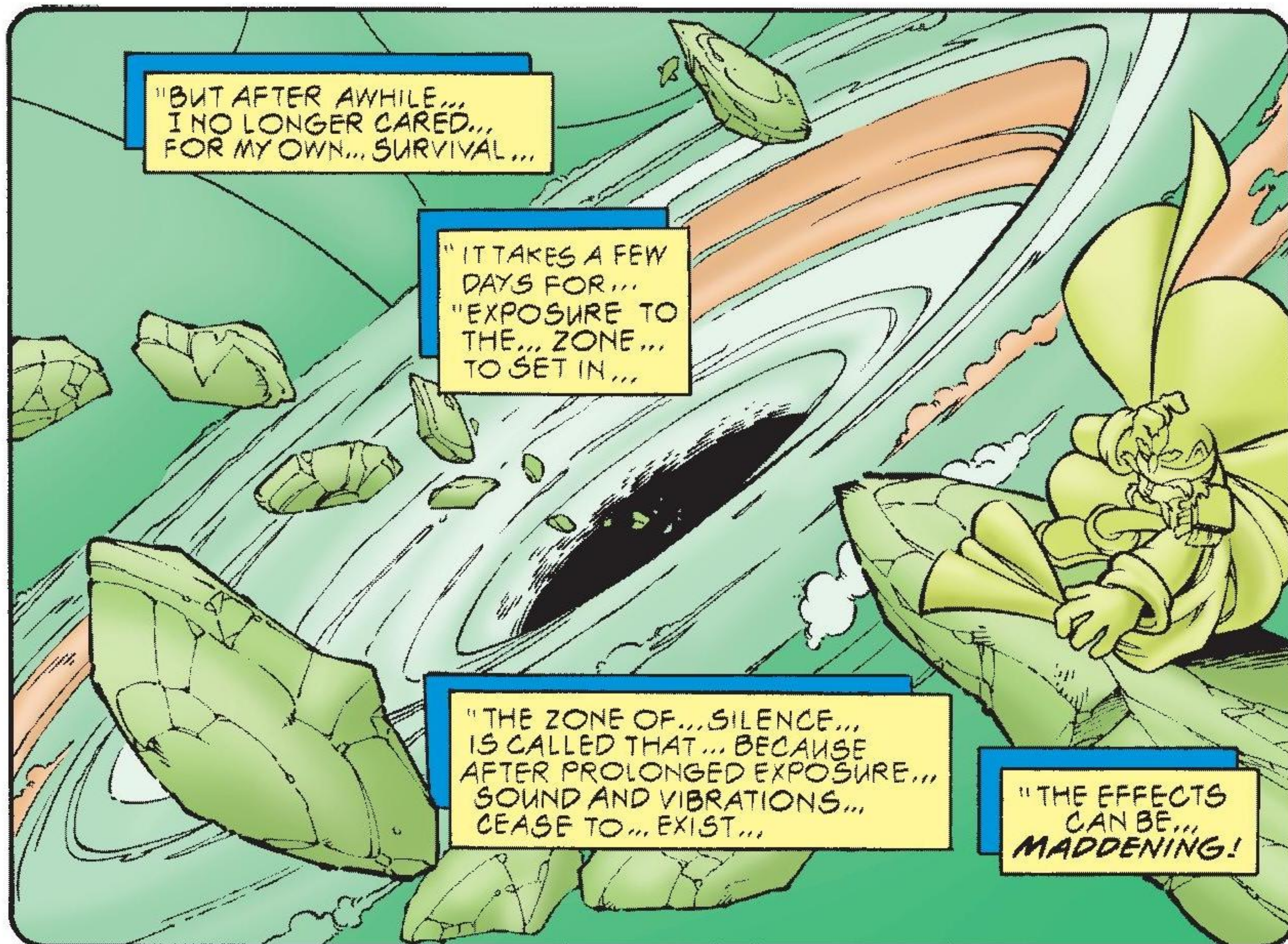
IXIS NAUGUS...
A NAME... I THOUGHT
...NEVER TO HEAR...
AGAIN...

WELL, WE'RE GONNA HEAR IT
A LOT MORE IF WE DON'T STOP
HIM FROM DECLARING HIM-
SELF RIGHTFUL RULER OF
MOBOTROPOLIS!

BUT, LAD, HE IS
...THE RIGHTFUL RULER
OF... MOBOTROPOLIS!

HUH?!



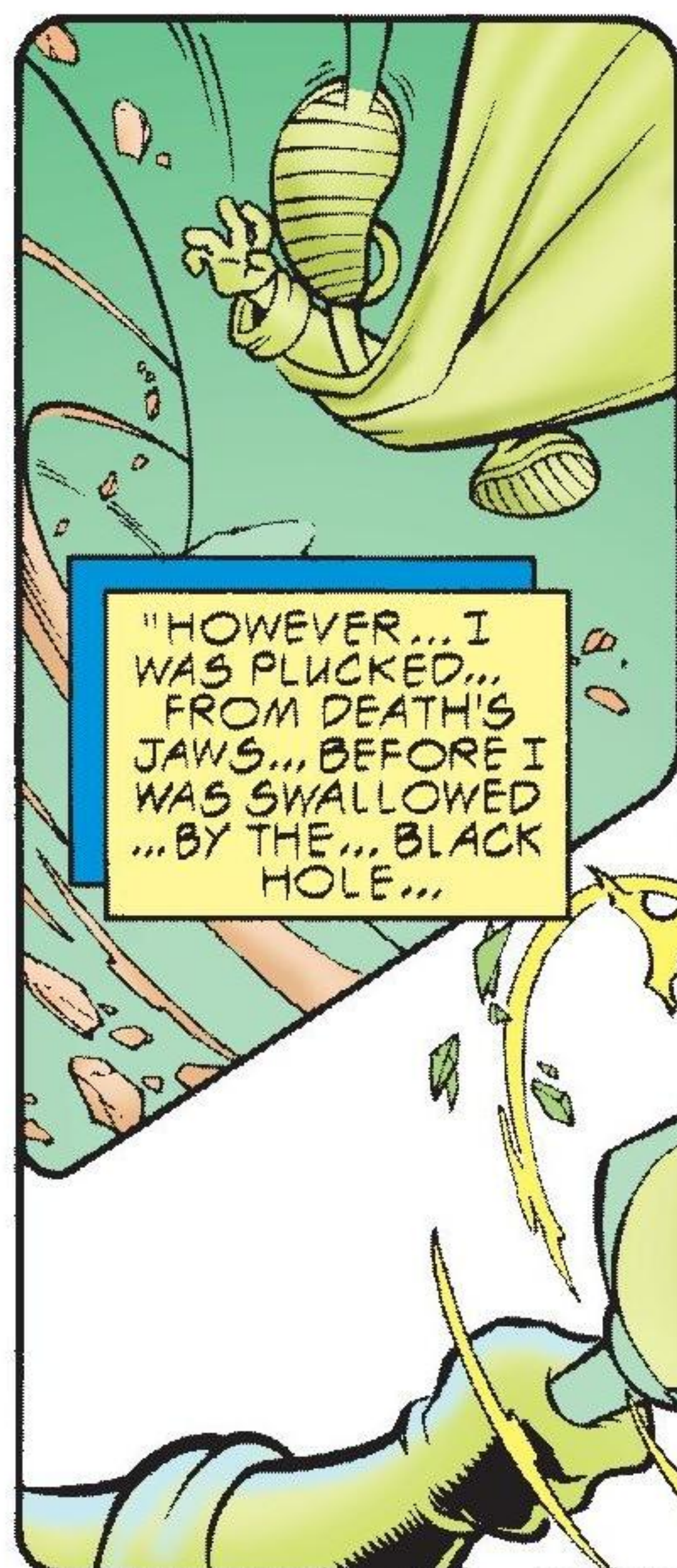


"BUT AFTER AWHILE...
I NO LONGER CARED...
FOR MY OWN... SURVIVAL..."

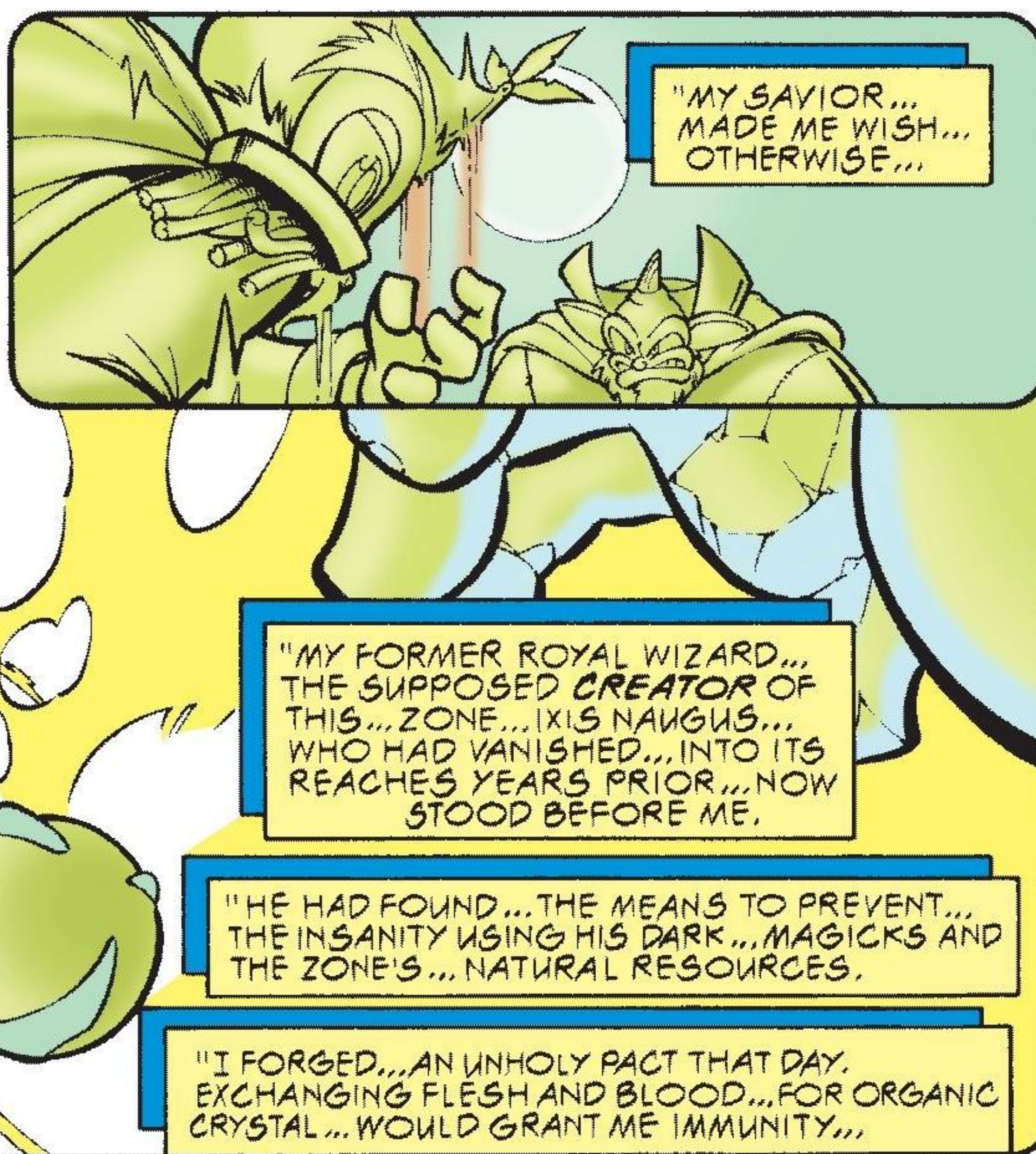
"IT TAKES A FEW
DAYS FOR...
"EXPOSURE TO
THE... ZONE...
TO SET IN..."

"THE ZONE OF... SILENCE...
IS CALLED THAT... BECAUSE
AFTER PROLONGED EXPOSURE...
SOUND AND VIBRATIONS...
CEASE TO... EXIST..."

"THE EFFECTS
CAN BE...
MADDENING!"



"HOWEVER... I
WAS PLUCKED...
FROM DEATH'S
JAWS... BEFORE I
WAS SWALLOWED
...BY THE... BLACK
HOLE..."

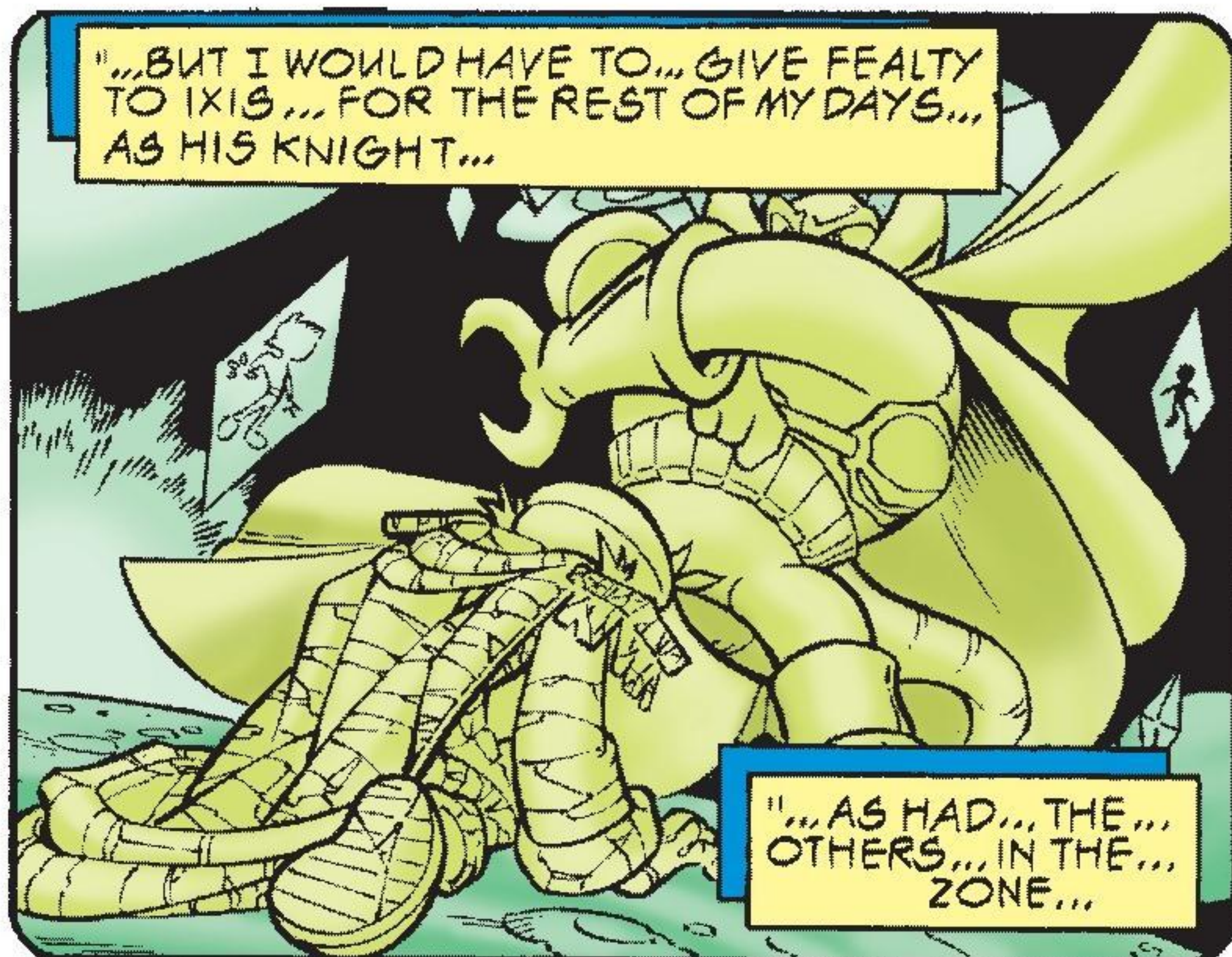


"MY SAVIOR...
MADE ME WISH...
OTHERWISE..."

"MY FORMER ROYAL WIZARD...
THE SUPPOSED **CREATOR** OF
THIS... ZONE... **IXIS NAUGUS**...
WHO HAD VANISHED... INTO ITS
REACHES YEARS PRIOR... NOW
STOOD BEFORE ME.

"HE HAD FOUND... THE MEANS TO PREVENT...
THE INSANITY USING HIS DARK... **MAGICKS** AND
THE ZONE'S... **NATURAL RESOURCES**."

"I FORGED... AN UNHOLY PACT THAT DAY.
EXCHANGING FLESH AND BLOOD... FOR ORGANIC
CRYSTAL... WOULD GRANT ME IMMUNITY..."



"...BUT I WOULD HAVE TO... GIVE FEALTY TO IXIS... FOR THE REST OF MY DAYS... AS HIS KNIGHT..."

"...AS HAD... THE... OTHERS... IN THE... ZONE..."



"...WE ALL HAD THE ABILITY... TO CHANGE... FROM CRYSTAL TO FLESH... AND BACK AGAIN..."

"...I LOST THAT ABILITY... WHEN I ESCAPED... THE ZONE..."



DAD!

MY LIEGE!

HE'LL BE ALRIGHT, KIDS! HE JUST TAXED HIS ENDURANCE IN THE TELLING OF THAT SORDID TALE!

UGH...



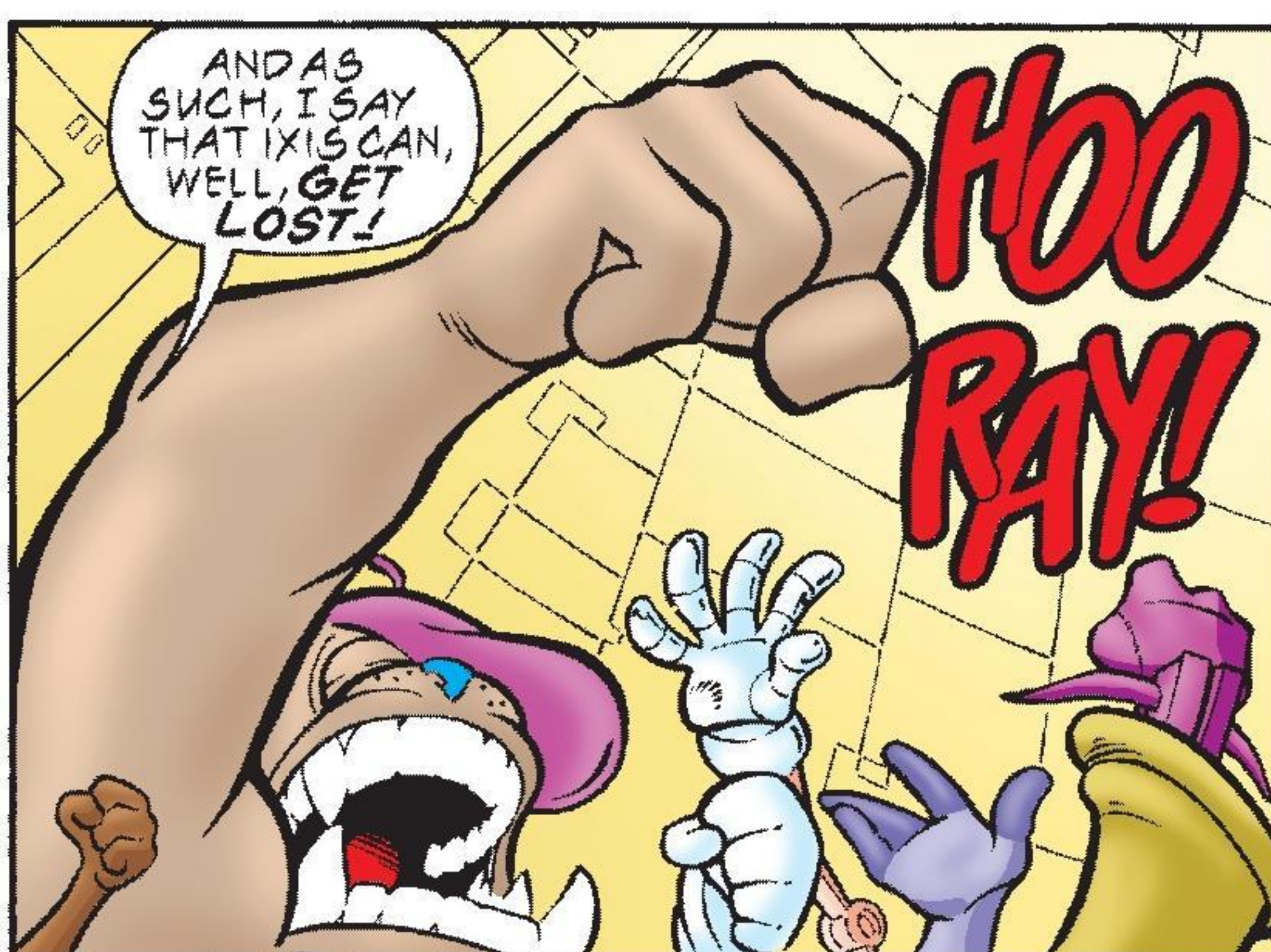
IF WHAT THE KING SAID IS TRUE... IF HE DID INDEED SWEAR BLIND ALLEGIANCE TO THE WIZARD...

YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT IXIS IS KING?!



PRINCESS?

MY FATHER IS IN NO POSITION TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS REGARDING THE KINGDOM, THAT'S WHY I WAS APPOINTED ACTING RULER!



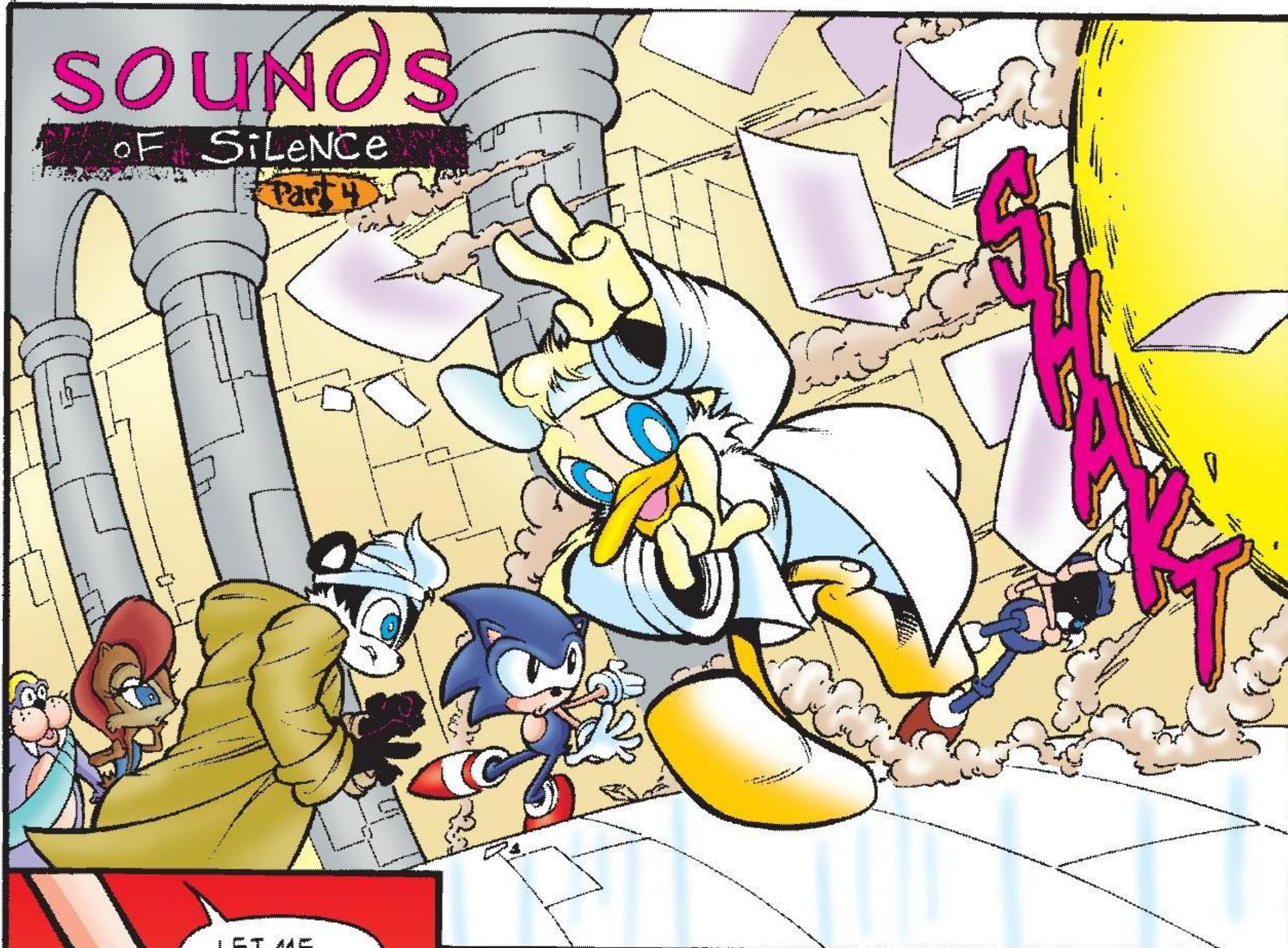
AND AS SUCH, I SAY THAT IXIS CAN, WELL, GET LOST!

HOO RAY!

SOUNDS

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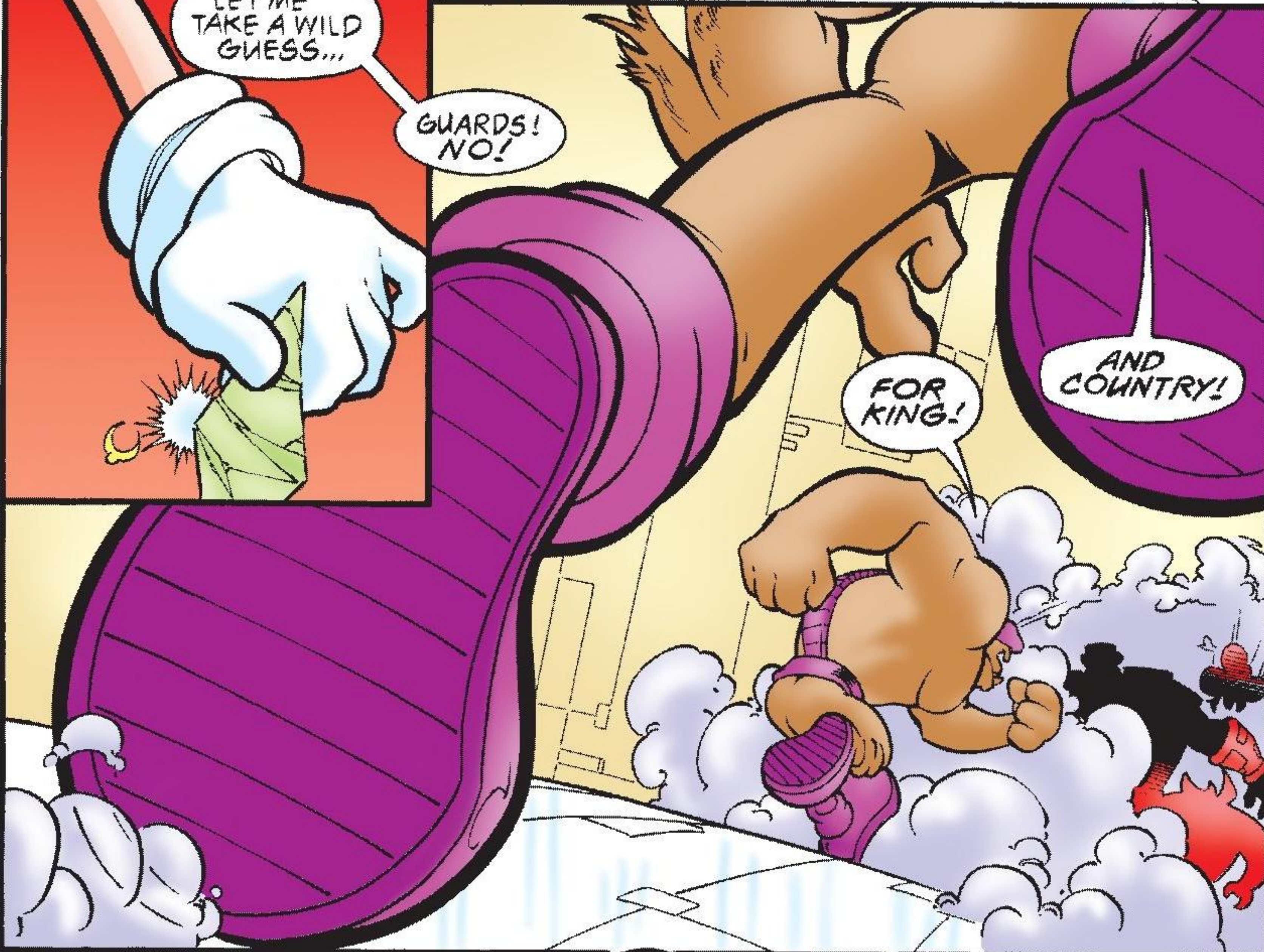
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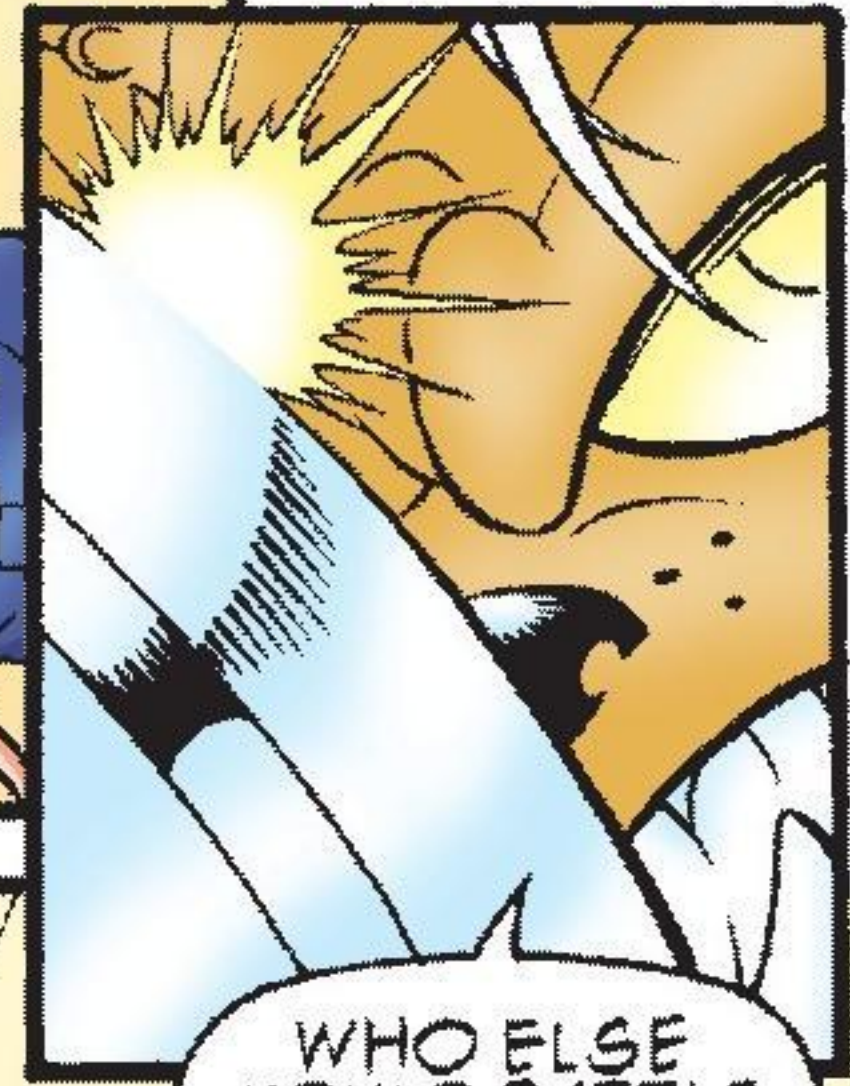


GUARDS!
NO!

FOR KING!

AND COUNTRY!

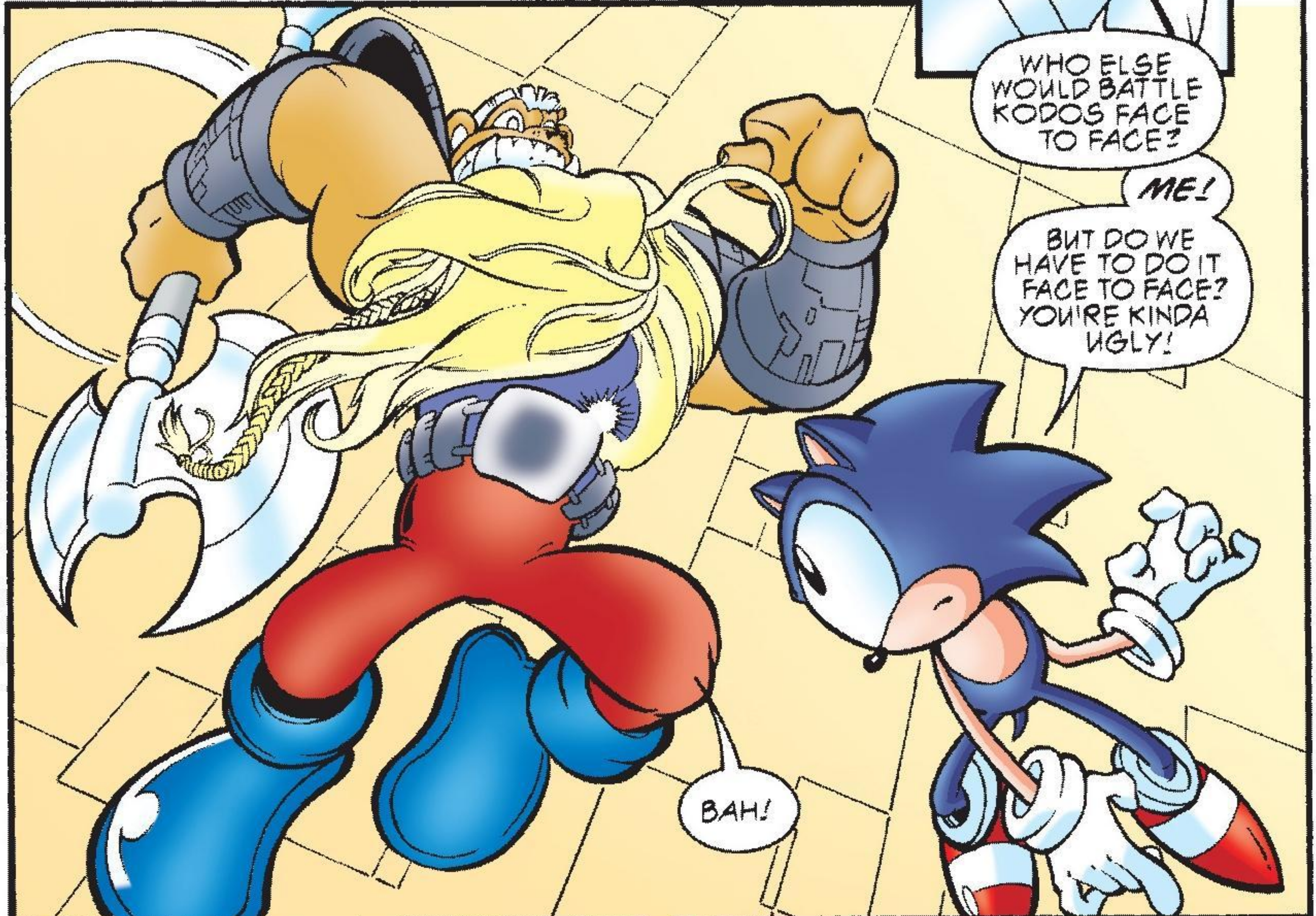


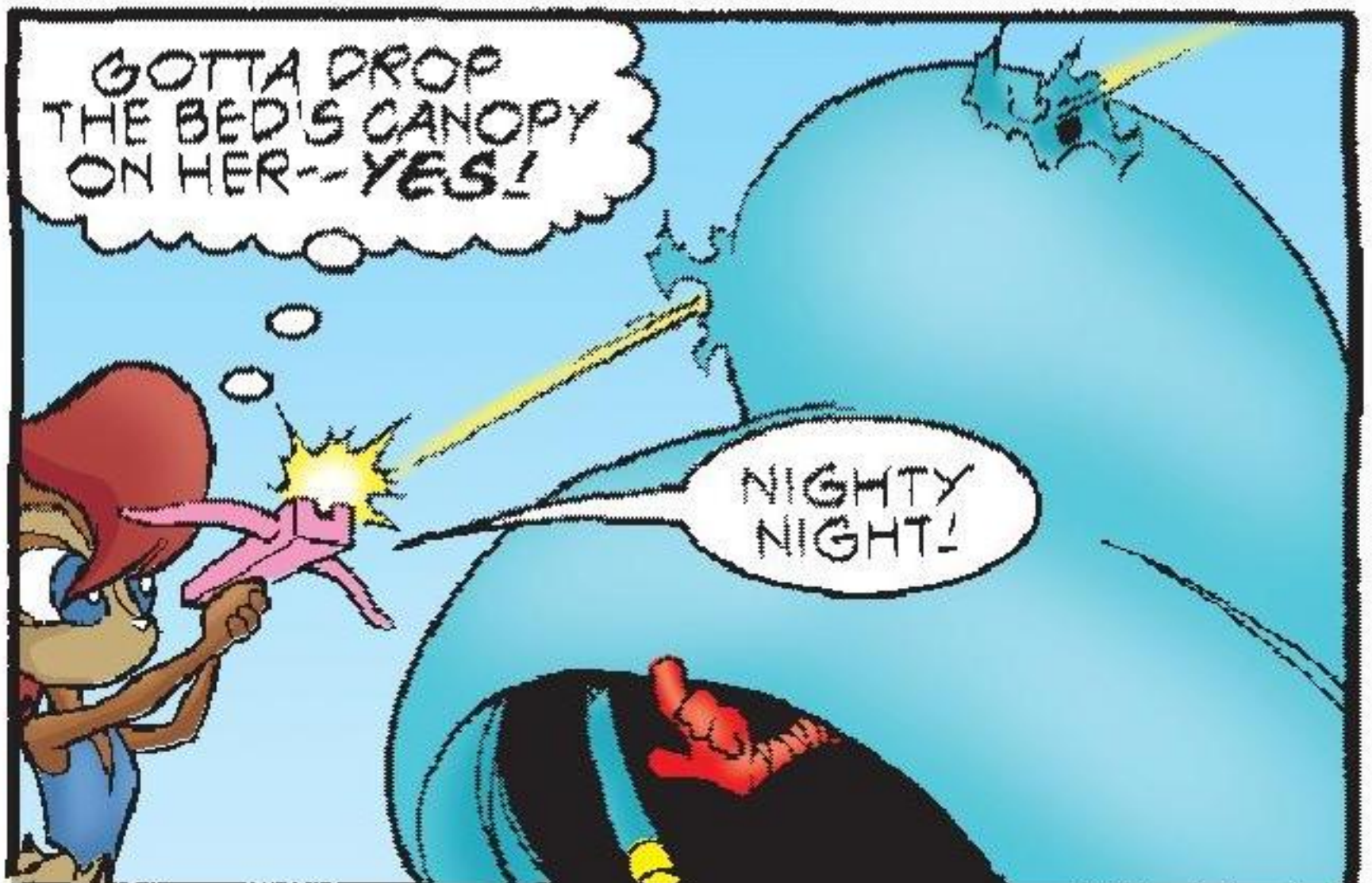
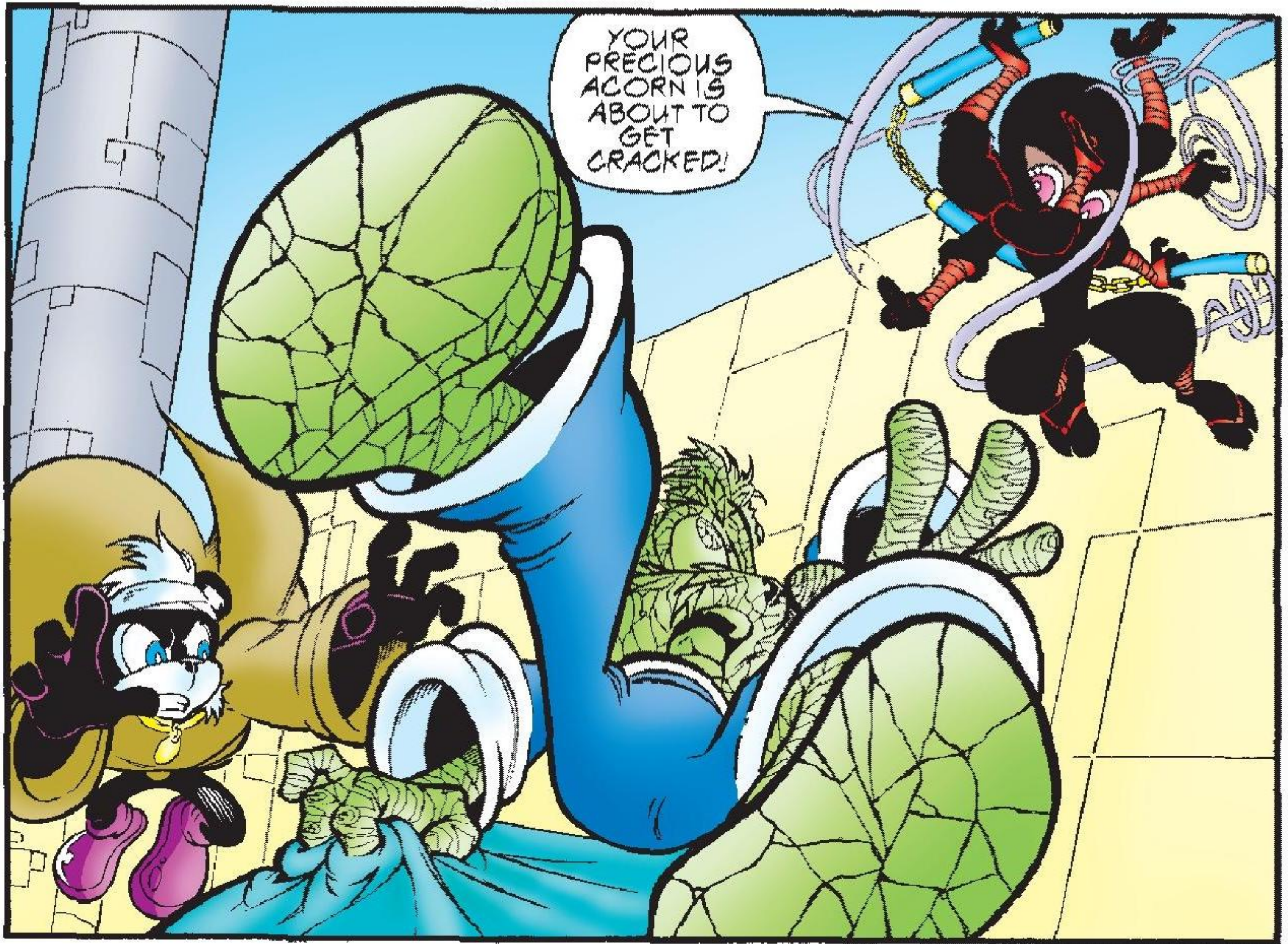


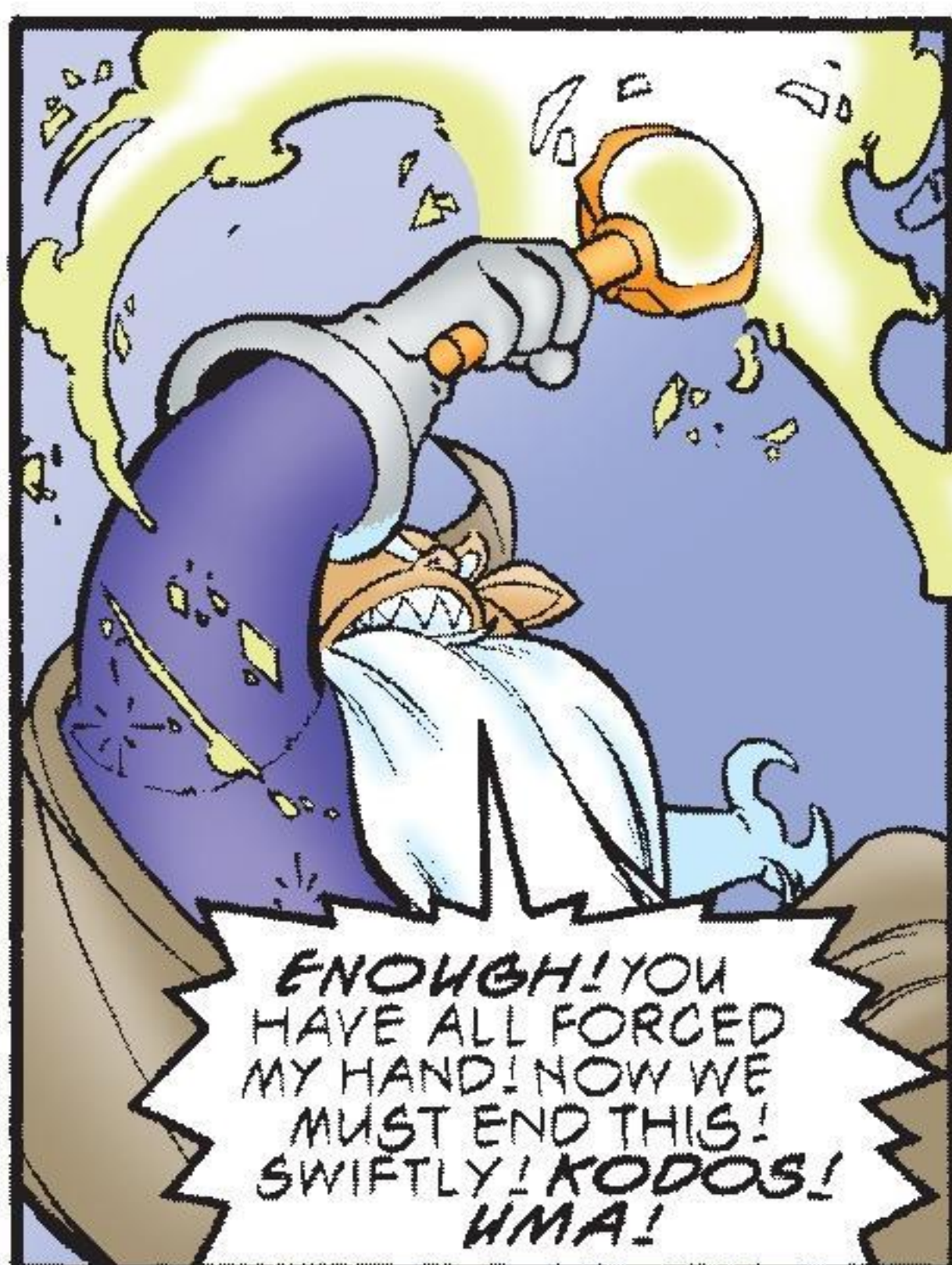
WHO ELSE
WOULD BATTLE
KODOS FACE
TO FACE?

ME!

BUT DO WE
HAVE TO DO IT
FACE TO FACE?
YOU'RE KINDA
UGLY!







ENOUGH! YOU
HAVE ALL FORCED
MY HAND! NOW WE
MUST END THIS!
SWIFTLY! KODOS!
HMA!

FWA-SH-KAT

BE
TRANS-
FORMED!

DESTROY
THEM ALL! I
COMMAND
IT!



THERE IS
NO HOPE!

YOU CAN
SAY THAT
AGAIN!

**TIME
OUT!**

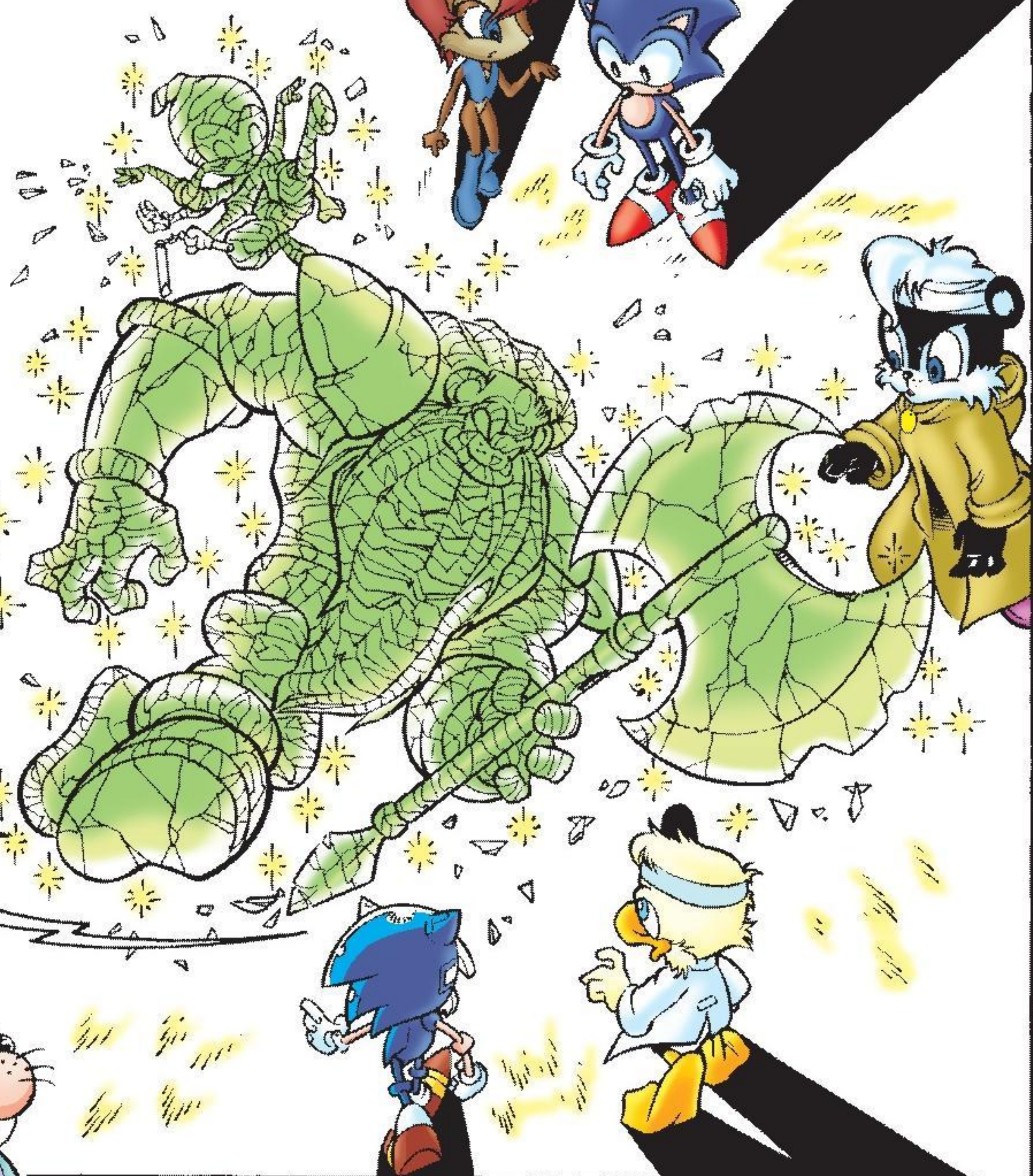






LOOK!
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THEM?

WITHOUT
IXIS' WAND
TO POWER
THEM, THEY'RE
LIKE PUPPETS
WITHOUT
STRINGS!



WHERE IS THAT
HORN-HEADED CREEP,
ANYWAY?

GONE!
YOU THINK HE'S
DESTROYED?



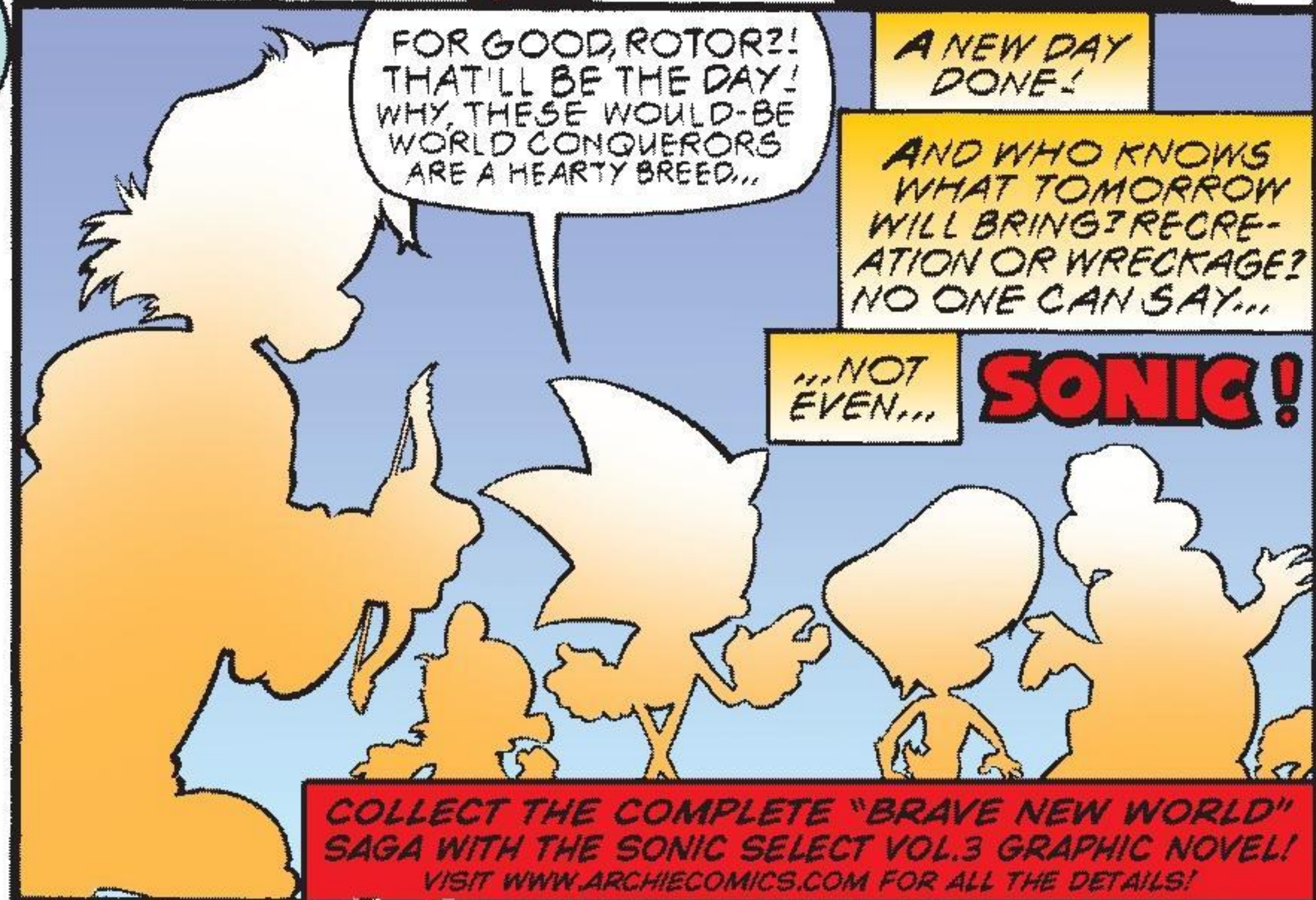
FOR GOOD, ROTOR?!
THAT'LL BE THE DAY!
WHY, THESE WOULD-BE
WORLD CONQUERORS
ARE A HEARTY BREED...

**A NEW DAY
DONE!**

AND WHO KNOWS
WHAT TOMORROW
WILL BRING? RECRE-
ATION OR WRECKAGE?
NO ONE CAN SAY...

...NOT
EVEN...

SONIC!



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KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA #7
ON SALE OCTOBER 1997!

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THE HEDGEHOG #54
ON SALE OCTOBER 1997!

NEXT MONTH IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #54: IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE "ENDGAME" SAGA AND SUBSEQUENT "BRAVE NEW WORLD" SPECIAL, **THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS** TRY TO RESOLVE THEIR FEELINGS AND THEIR PLACE IN THE NEW **MOBOTROPOLIS**, ESPECIALLY **SONIC!** LEADING THE CHARGE IS **PRINCESS SALLY**, VALIANTLY ATTEMPTING TO RESTRUCTURE THE KINGDOM. **SNIVELY**, LURKING IN THE SHADOWS OF THE **DEVIL'S GULAG**, PLANS HIS FIRST MOVE AGAINST OUR HEROES. JUST WHAT DOES HE DO? CHECK IT OUT! THIS TALE IS WRITTEN BY **KARL BOLLERS** WITH ART BY **NELSON ORTEGA** AND **JOHN HEBERT**. INKING THEM IS THE MAN THEY CALL **HARVO!** **ON SALE OCTOBER 1997!**

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

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